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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 3:16 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III, called the session to order.

**PRAYER**

Sen. Ralph G. Recto led the prayer, to wit:

Gracious and loving God, we humbly come before You asking for wisdom, unity and peace.

As we gather in this Chamber to work for the common good, we ask that Your wisdom be shared among all members of the Senate so that we may be guided in making decisions for the best interest of our people.

In our deliberations, may we remember our calling as public servants who are duty-bound to work hand-in-hand in search of solutions to our country's woes regardless of party affiliation and beliefs.

May Your presence, Lord God, inspire our efforts to heal our troubled land and move us to provide care and comfort to victims of violence and poverty.

As You have in the past, continue to watch over the Filipino people, especially

those who are most in need of Your compassionate mercy and care.

May all that is achieved this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

In the Name of God, we pray.

Amen.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon direction of the Senate President, the Secretary of the Senate, Atty. Lutgardo B. Barbo, called the roll, to which the following senators responded:

Angara, S.	Hontiveros, R.
Aquino, P. B. IV B.	Lacson, P. M.
Binay, M. L. N. S.	Pacquiao, E. M. D.
De Lima, L. M.	Pimentel III, A. K.
Drilon, F. M.	Poe, G.
Ejercito, J. V. G.	Recto, R. G.
Escudero, F. J. G.	Sotto III, V. C.
Gatchalian, W.	Villanueva, J.
Gordon, R. J.	Villar, C. A.
Honasan, G. B.	Zubiri, J. M. F.

With 20 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senators Legarda and Pangilinan arrived after the roll call.

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Senators Cayetano and Trillanes were on official mission abroad.

#### **DEFERMENT OF THE APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body deferred the consideration and approval of the Journal of Session No. 17 (September 5, 2016) to a later hour.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS**

Senator Sotto acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the following guests:

- Awardees of Metrobank Foundation's Outstanding Filipinos headed by Mr. Aniceto "Chito" Sobrepeña, president of Metrobank Foundation, Inc.;
- Congresswoman Michelle Antonio of Agbiag Partylist, guest of Sen. Cynthia Villar; and
- Students from the University of Rizal System-Rodriguez headed by Prof. Michael L. Protacio.

Senate President Pimentel welcomed the guests to the Senate.

#### **REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

The Deputy Secretary for Legislation, Atty. Edwin B. Bellen, read the following matters and the Chair made the corresponding referrals:

#### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

Senate Bill No. 1118, entitled

**AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BIGNAY, VALENZUELA CITY TO BE KNOWN AS DISIPLINA VILLAGE – BIGNAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

**To the Committee on Rules**

Senate Bill No. 1119, entitled

**AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LINGUNAN, VALENZUELA CITY TO BE KNOWN AS LINGUNAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

**To the Committee on Rules**

Senate Bill No. 1120, entitled

**AN ACT SEPARATING THE POLO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – MALANDAY ANNEX, CITY OF VALENZUELA FROM POLO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS MALANDAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

**To the Committee on Rules**

Senate Bill No. 1121, entitled

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PASO DE BLAS CITY OF VALENZUELA TO BE KNOWN AS PASO DE BLAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

**To the Committee on Rules**

Senate Bill No. 1122, entitled

**AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE DRUG REHABILITATION PROGRAMS OF THE GOVERNMENT, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002,” AS**

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AMENDED, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

**To the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; Health and Demography; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1123, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS TO THE SURVIVING CHILDREN OF MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE WHO WERE SLAIN IN THE LINE OF DUTY, CREATING THE PNP EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FUND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

**To the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance**

### RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 126, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN THE EXERCISE OF CONGRESS OVERSIGHT FUNCTION, AS REGARDS THE MANDATORY INVESTIGATION THAT SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS SERVICE (IAS) OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) IN CASES OF DEATH DURING POLICE OPERATIONS, WITH THE END GOALS OF FORMULATING MEASURES TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH PNP MANUAL IN THE CONDUCT OF ITS OPERATIONS, AND TO ENSURE THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY TO PROTECT LIFE SHALL BE FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

**To the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 127, entitled

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE UPEEPZ FOR BRINGING GLORY AND HONOR TO THE PHILIPPINES BY WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE 15<sup>TH</sup> WORLD HIP HOP DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Introduced by Senator Joel Villanueva

**To the Committee on Rules**

### COMMUNICATIONS

Letters from the *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas*, transmitting to the Senate copies of the following certified and authenticated BSP issuances in compliance with Section 15(a) of Republic Act No. 7653 (The New Central Bank Act):

Circular Letter Nos. CL-2016-068, 069, 070, 071 and 072 dated 8, 11, 17, 18 and 23 August 2016;

and Circular Nos. 920, 921 and 922 dated 18, 22 and 23 August 2016.

**To the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies**

### PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 82

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 82, entitled

RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE OUTSTANDING TEACHERS OF 2016 AWARDED BY THE METROBANK FOUNDATION, INC.

taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 108, 116 and 120.

With the permission of the Body, only the title of the resolution was read without prejudice to the insertion of its full text into the Record of the Senate.

The Chair recognized Senator Villanueva to sponsor the measure.

## SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR VILLANUEVA

As he presented for the consideration of the Body Proposed Senate Resolution No. 82, Senator Villanueva delivered the following speech:

My heart is filled with joy and excitement just with the thought that we are surrounded by amazing individuals – our **teachers** who cultivate the treasure within every child; our **soldiers** who are prepared to risk their lives to keep our country safe; and our **police officers** who weed out criminal elements and maintain peace and order in our communities.

Allow me to talk about our teachers since I believe that some of our colleagues will also share their thoughts about our dear soldiers and police officers.

*Gusto ko pong sabihin na proud son po ako ng dalawang public school teachers, si Bro. Eddie Villanueva at si Sis. Dory Villanueva. Wala po ang isang Joel Villanueva kung wala sila, kung wala ang mga mahuhusay at mapag-kalingang mga guro na humubog sa aking pagkatao at pumanday sa aking isipan mula elementarya, high school, at kolehiyo.*

That is why I felt honored and privileged for having been chosen by the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. as the chairperson of the Final Board of Judges for this year's Search for Outstanding Teachers.

Thank you also to our then presumptive Senate President Koko Pimentel for allowing this Representation to attend and chair the Final Board of Judges.

Listening to these teachers gave me the conviction that indeed, teaching is the noblest profession. With the big reforms in the Philippine educational system today, these teachers strive harder to do more than the minimum requirements: **to transform lives, to build communities, and to bring the Philippines to the world.**

These teachers transform lives through their creativity; they can explore their ideas freely and find time for continuing personal and professional development activities. At the end of the school year, it is them who made students enjoy in class – who get remembered most and whose lessons would surely stick for a longer period of time.

They build communities by embracing the dual role of a teacher: as classroom manager and community leader. They have the extra energy to do more than regular school assignments. They are easily spotted because everyone comes to them for help. Oftentimes, they are on top of the list of the district office or the local government unit to do extra assignments. They serve as powerful role models and intellectual leaders to the communities they serve.

Above all, they bring the Philippines to the world by welcoming the idea of globalization while preserving our own cultural and educational heritage as a nation. They epitomize the teachers of the 21<sup>st</sup> century – passionate and committed to the profession, giving their best to teaching in spite of the many challenges they face.

It is for this reason that I filed Proposed Senate Resolution No. 82, honoring and commending the Outstanding Teachers of 2016 awarded by the Metrobank Foundation, Inc.

For the last 32 years since 1984, the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. has honored 346 outstanding teachers of the Philippines, and 140 of them have been recognized by the Senate from 2002 to 2015.

Today, in our midst are the Ten Outstanding Teachers of 2016 consisting of four teachers in the elementary, four in secondary, and two in the higher education levels.

May I acknowledge Mrs. Winona Y. Diola from Muntinlupa City; Ms. Rujealyn R. Cancino, from Lingayen, Pangasinan; Mr. Arnol M. Rosales from Naujan, Oriental Mindoro; Mrs. Josephine Chonie M. Obsenares from Butuan City; Dr. Roy B. Basa from Bacolod City; Mr. Nelson G. Agoyaoy from Caloocan City; Mrs. Ma. Regaele A. Olarte from Muntinlupa City; Dr. Katherine Faith M. Bustos from Nueva Vizcaya; Dr. Ernelea P. Cao from Quezon City; and Dr. Mark Anthony J. Torres from Iligan City.

These teachers stood out because they exemplify how teachers must go beyond their duties in the classroom – to teach what is proper, what is morally right, what is healthy, and what will make life better. Thank you so much.

*Kaya po wala sigurong isa man sa atin ang hindi magsasabi ng "THANK YOU" sa kaniyang mga naging guro na nagpamalas ng kanilang talino at malasakit sa atin. Wala rin naman po sigurong guro ang hindi magsasabi ng "NO REGRETS" kapag nakita niya ang dati niyang mga estudyante na umani ng tagumpay sa buhay.*

*Ang ating mga guro, sa pangunguna ng ating Ten Outstanding Teachers, ang dahilan kung bakit maraming kabataang Pilipino and nakaabot ng kanilang mga pangarap. Sa bawat kuwento ng tagumpay ng isang inhinyero, isang doktor, pintor, social worker, abugado, entrepreneur, welder, barista, siyentista, ekonomista, o manunulat, may mga gurong tulad nila na humubog sa kanilang pagkatao at pumanday ng kanilang isipan.*

It is in this regard that I call on my colleagues to support measures that will improve the social and economic welfare of our teachers.

To our dear teachers, you are at the forefront of our country's education. It is you who give our students the best opportunity to learn. It is you who can guarantee that we will produce quality, world-class graduates. It is you who can groom them for better employment options, a happy and productive life, and a better future. I challenge you to pursue excellence and to continue making a difference in the life of our students.

*Kaisa po ninyo kami sa Senado sa pagsusulong ng mga karapatan ng mga guro at pagtataguyod ng masiglang sektor ng edukasyon sa bansa. Aasahan din namin kayo na ipaggpatuloy ninyo ang inyong magandang adhikain para sa sektor ng edukasyon at patuloy sana kayong magsilbing huwaran sa mga kapwa ninyo guro at sa mga komunidad na inyong pinaglilingkuran.*

*Gayundin po ang ating mga kasundaluhan at kapulisan na narito ngayon, kayo rin po ay maituturing na mga "guro" – sapagkat malaki ang inyong papel sa paghubog ng nasionalismo ng kabataang Pilipino at bilang huwaran ng "pagmamahal sa bayan na wala sa salita kundi nasa pawis ng gawa."*

Our dear Filipino teachers, soldiers and police officers – you are not only Outstanding Filipinos but you are also our modern-day heroes!

*Mabuhay ang mga guro, sundalo at pulis ng bayan!*

Congratulations to our Outstanding Filipinos of 2016.

Thank you and God bless us all.

## COSPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR BINAY

Senator Binay said that she was privileged and honored to cosponsor the resolution commending the

awardees of 2016 Metrobank Foundation's Search for Outstanding Teachers Awardees.

*Following is the full text of Senator Binay's speech:*

Teaching is no mere profession. It is a calling that requires of a person more than just his or her time, skills and knowledge, but the dedication of self to the education and inculcation of the youth of our country.

I am no stranger to the sacrifices that teachers make in order to fulfill their profession. My paternal grandmother, Lourdes Gatan Cabauatan, and my father, former Vice-President Jejomar Binay, were both school teachers.

As we celebrate the National Teachers' Month from September 5 to October 5, it is with great honor that we commend today the awardees of the Metrobank Foundation's 2016 Search for Outstanding Teachers.

Despite more lucrative offers and opportunities abroad, these outstanding teachers have chosen to stay and accomplish feats in their profession by going above and beyond their profession.

This prestigious merit is a confirmation of their exemplary dedication to the calling of teaching, their advocacy for education, and a testament of their passion to cultivate the minds of the next generation of Filipinos.

Today, we honor these men and women who have been selected from 564 nominees, and were chosen for their patience, leadership, and commitment to their profession.

I would also like to recognize the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. for its continued devotion in promoting and recognizing excellence in the vocation of teaching, ultimately, improving the quality of Philippine education by inspiring our educators.

*Muli, mabuhay ang ating mga kapitigatang mga guro!*

*Maraming salamat po sa inyo.*

## COSPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR AQUINO

Senator Aquino stated that it was a distinct honor for him to express his support for the resolution honoring and commending the Ten Outstanding Teachers of 2016 by the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. or Proposed Senate Resolution No. 116.

The full text of his speech follows:

As chairman of the Senate Committee on Education, Culture and the Arts, I am elated to present to you 10 Filipino teachers — 10 extraordinary men and women that make an invaluable difference in the lives of their students and their students' families.

Please join me in commending them, and may we ask them to stand to be recognized.

- Mrs. Winona Y. Diola, grade school teacher at the De La Salle-Santiago Zobel School in Muntinlupa City;
- Ms. Rujealyn R. Cancino, Master Teacher II at the Lingayen I Central School in Lingayen, Pangasinan;
- Mr. Arnol M. Rosales, Master Teacher I at the Francisco Melgar Memorial School in Naujan, Oriental Mindoro;
- Mrs. Josephine Chonie M. Obsenares, Master Teacher I from the Butuan City, Special Education Center in Butuan City;
- Dr. Roy B. Basa, Master Teacher I from the Negros Occidental High School in Bacolod City;
- Mr. Nelson G. Agoyaoy, Coordinator of Student Concerns and Activities from the University of the East Caloocan Elementary and High School Department;
- Mrs. Ma. Regaele A. Olarte, Teacher I in Muntinlupa National High School in Muntinlupa City;
- Dr. Katherine Faith M. Bustos, Master Teacher I at the Nueva Vizcaya General Comprehensive High School in Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya;
- Dr. Ernelea P. Cao, Professor XII at the University of the Philippines Diliman in Quezon City; and
- Dr. Mark Anthony J. Torres, Associate Professor V at the Mindanao State University – Iligan Institute of Technology in Iligan City.

*Maraming, maraming salamat po sa inyong lahat. Mabuhay po ang ating Ten Outstanding Teachers for 2016!*

Yesterday, I shared a little known fact about my family: that my mother's parents were actually teachers, Segundo and Victoria Aguirre, who moved to Davao from Luzon after the Second World War with a dream. And that

dream was to take part in building a better future of young Mindanaoans through education.

So they rolled up their sleeves and helped start the University of Mindanao.

*Hanggang sa huli na naging chairperson ng Filipino department ang aking lola at naging principal ng University of Mindanao ang aking lolo, hindi nila binitawan ang kanilang bokasyon sa edukasyon.*

Teaching is a vocation and to educate is a mission.

*Tungkulin po ng bawat guro ang paggandahin ang kinabukasan ng bawat batang Pilipino at paggandahin ang kinabukasan ng Pilipinas sa pamamagitan ng edukasyon.*

*Layunin po nilang palitawin ang husay at talino ng kabataan upang paramihin ang dakilang Pilipinong mag-aambag sa kaganagan ng bansa at ito po ay hindi madali.*

*Hindi po madaling magising bago sumikat ang araw para paghandaan ang mga aralin.*

*Hindi po madaling magpuyat para mag-check ng ga-bundok na mga test papers.*

*Hindi po madaling ngumiti at maging bibo sa classroom kahit masama ang pakiramdam.*

*Hindi po madaling pagsabihan ang mga batang hindi nakikinig 'pag alam mo namang hindi pa sila nag-aalmusal.*

*Hindi po madaling maging guro sa Pilipinas. At lalong hindi madaling magsikap upang maging isang katangi-tanging guro sa ating bansa.*

So today, we honor this year's Ten Outstanding Teachers and we also honor every Filipino who has chosen teaching as a vocation.

It is apparent that the reforms we are pushing for in the Committee on Education, Culture and Arts to improve access to quality education in our country hinge on our teacher's willingness to step up and strive for excellence.

The ten that we have here today are the examples for that excellence that we seek.

It is my honor to cosponsor this resolution honoring these ladies and gentlemen, these proud Filipinos behind me.

## MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR ZUBIRI

At the outset, Senator Zubiri congratulated the honorees of the Metrobank Foundation's outstand-

ing teachers, police and soldiers of the country. He then called out the names of the awardees for the Outstanding Soldiers and Outstanding Policemen in Service, to wit:

*2016 Top Outstanding Philippine Soldiers (TOPS) Awardees:*

1. Lt. Col. Eliglen Ferrer Villaflor, Army;
2. T/Sgt. Danilo de los Santos Ramos, Army;
3. T/Sgt. Bernardo Labao Tacbas, Army;
4. Lt. Col. Wilfredo Baylon Manalang, Jr., Navy;
5. Intelligence Specialist Chief Fernando Junio Parcon, Navy;
6. S/Sgt. Albert Dangan Eleazar, Navy;
7. Lt. Col. Oliver Alina Banaria, Air Force;
8. M/Sgt. Abel Lim Idusma, Air Force;
9. M/Sgt. Andersen Daing Avellana, Air Force; and
10. Col. Jocelyn Pancrudo Turla, Technical Administrative Service

*2016 Country's Outstanding Policemen in Service (COPS) Awardees:*

1. P C/Insp. Ryan Lopez Manongdo;
2. P Supt. Jemuel Felongco Siason;
3. P S/Supt. Mario Navarro Rariza, Jr.;
4. P S/Supt. Susan Rabano Jalla;
5. PO2 Fatima Ibias Lanuza;
6. PO3 Nida Lachica Gregas;
7. SPO1 Mhay Mayuyo Rubio;
8. SPO2 Jeffrey Bayotlang Ojao;
9. SPO3 Hamidhan Bibio Tebbeng; and
10. SPO3 Ezrael Domingo Lantingan

Senator Zubiri said that he stood up to recognize the awardees, having been once co-chair of the foundation's Board of Judges. He likewise thanked the men and women of the Metrobank Foundation under the leadership of Mr. Chito Sobrepeña for giving excellence awards to the teachers, soldiers and police officers who toil day in and day out, sacrificing their safety and lives in doing good for the nation. He expressed hope that the Body would not only recognize the feat of the awardees but could also give financial incentives to them.

## COSPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR GORDON

Preliminarily, Senator Gordon commended the awardees of the Metrobank Foundation's outstanding teachers, law enforcement personnel and soldiers.

Senator Gordon said that looking at the teachers, people are reminded of the Latin phrase *loco parentis* — people performing the role of parents — especially in the day and age when citizens work very hard to eke out an existence. He said that teachers are tasked to educate, hone the values of the students, and make sure that they become leaders of the country either by being moderators of their extracurricular activities or by making them experts in their chosen field in college.

He stated that politicians owe a lot to teachers but that while they would speak very well about them, they have always been short in their delivery. He believed that it is about time, since the budget is about to be discussed, to give more attention and to discuss the plight of the educators in the country.

Senator Gordon averred that in the Philippines, a teacher's pay starts at P19,000 a month, a far cry from the minimum pay rates of China at P50,000, Malaysia at P90,000, and Singapore at P133,000 per month. He said that there have been various calls to adjust teachers' wages but Congress would only give slight increases, with teacher's pay to reach only P24,000 a month by 2021 as mentioned by Senator Drilon, and they would have to wait a long time before getting any financial remuneration for their sacrifices. He said that he was certain that many senators have been educated by public school teachers, like Senator Villanueva, Senator Defensor Santiago, and Senator Claro M. Recto whose mother was also a teacher. He stressed that the country's leaders should not only be vocal but should also walk the talk.

Senator Gordon said that he was happy that the teachers, policemen and soldiers are being honored for their sacrifices, recalling the recent story of a mother who called up her son and was surprised to learn that he was beheaded and that she too would be beheaded if she would come to get her son. He said that as a Red Cross volunteer, he had seen the scars of war, like the battle in Tipi-tipo, Basilan where 11 marines were beheaded, prompting one of the soldiers to leave the service out of sheer disgust for the measly attention given to them by the government.



As for the policemen, Senator Gordon stated that they work practically 24/7, especially during times of great stress. He said that more often than not, police officers are branded as corrupt even when many of them reject entitlements, bribes or special privileges.

He reiterated the need for the citizenry and government to give attention to the sacrifices of the teachers, soldiers and police officers who volunteered and were not forced to enter government service despite the minuscule pay. He said that teachers give choices to the young, while police officers and soldiers bring peace to the country.

Senator Gordon thanked Metrobank's Mr. George Ty and his family, and Mr. Chito Sobrepeña for honoring the teachers, police officers and soldiers. He said that he also had the privilege of being the chairman of the board for outstanding teachers in 2008, a proud moment to be able to select the best teachers, one of whom was a mathematician from Samar. He commended the Ty family and the Metrobank Foundation for exercising great corporate social responsibility.

Senator Gordon said that more than the monetary award, the work of volunteers are priceless and the award is just a little bonus, while the medal that the awardees will receive is something that they can show to their grandchildren.

In closing, Senator Gordon expressed great pride and appreciation to the sacrifices and efforts made by the awardees and to the Metrobank Foundation for its corporate social responsibility. He ended by stating, "No todos del milan en la noche en nuestros abuelos," — They were those who kept vigil in the night of our forefathers. He said that the awardees are the people who have been keeping vigil all throughout in spite of the difficulties they face.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR LEGARDA**

Senator Legarda informed the Body that she had filed Proposed Senate Resolution No. 108 recognizing the awardees of the Metrobank Foundation. She then proposed that all Members be made coauthors of the resolutions commending the teachers, police officers and soldiers.

She said that the teachers are the country's unsung heroes who deserve the nation's adoration

and respect for their continued quest to educate and shape minds to help build a better future. She said that teachers are special, like her late grandmother, an elementary school teacher at the Bambang Elementary School during the pre-war era who was a great influence in her life.

#### **ADOPTION OF PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 82**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body adopted, subject to style, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 82, taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 108, 116 and 120.

#### **PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 101**

With the consent of the Body, upon motion of Senator Sotto, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 101, entitled

#### **RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE AWARDEES OF THE 2016 METROBANK FOUNDA- TION – ROTARY CLUB OF NEW MANILA EAST SEARCH FOR THE COUNTRY'S OUTSTANDING POLICE OFFICERS IN SERVICE (COPS).**

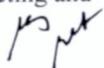
With the permission of the Body, only the title of the resolution was read without prejudice to the insertion of its full text into the Record of the Senate.

#### **SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR VILLAR**

Senator Villar presented to the Body Proposed Senate Resolution No. 101 - Congratulating and Commending the Awardees of the 2016 Metrobank Foundation – Rotary Club of New Manila East (RCNME) Search for the Country's Outstanding Police Officers in Service (COPS).

*The full text of her speech follows:*

I am deeply honored to have been part of the selection and judging process, as the chair of the final board of judges of this year's search for COPS. On behalf of the other members of the board of judges, I thank the trustees, officers and staff of Metrobank Foundation, PSBank, and RCNME for the privilege to give recognition to the gallant men and women in the country's police force, who have excelled in protecting and



serving all of us by exemplifying professionalism, competence, dedication and integrity, worthy to be emulated by the rest of their colleagues in the Philippine National Police (PNP).

The adjudged winners consist of four commissioned officers and six noncommissioned officers, who now join the rank of the 128 other outstanding police officers previously awarded. It is the 14<sup>th</sup> year that COPS awards are given.

May I ask the awardees to please stand to be recognized when their name is called or mentioned.

The police commissioned officers awardees are:

1. Police Chief Inspector Ryan Lopez Manongdo of Pozorrubio Municipal Police Station;
2. Police Superintendent Jemuel Felongco Siason of Sultan Kudarat Police Provincial Office;
3. Police Senior Superintendent Susan Rabano Jalla of PNP Crime Laboratory in Camp Crame; and
4. Police Superintendent Mario Navarro Rariza, Jr. of Police Community Relations Group, also in Camp Crame.

The police non-commissioned officers awardees are:

5. Police Officer 2 Fatima Penones Ibias-Lanuza of Minalabac Municipal Police Station, Camarines Sur;
6. Police Officer 3 Nida Lachica Gregas of Aklan Provincial Police Office;
7. Senior Police Officer 1 Mhay Mayuyo Rubio of Bataan Police Provincial Office;
8. Senior Police Officer 2 Jeffrey Bayotlang Ojao of Cabadbaran Police Station 5 of Agusan del Norte;
9. Senior Police Officer 3 Hamidhan Bibio Tebbeng of PNP Anti-Kidnapping Group Mindanao Field Unit in Camp Gen. Eduardo Batalla, Zamboanga City; and
10. Senior Police Officer 3 Ezrael Domingo Lantigan of Alabel Municipal Station in Sarangani Province.

Congratulations!

The presence of these outstanding police officers in service continually reminds us that there are still those who remain true to their vows and duties to faithfully serve and protect the people. They renew our faith in our police force, even when occasionally we hear news

about rogue, wayward, corrupt and even criminal policemen.

The search for COPS is an expression of our appreciation and gratitude to the efforts of our Philippine police officers in maintaining the peace and order situation in the country, even when they are oftentimes exposed to great adversity.

*Ngayong mga panahon na ito sa ating pinaigting na kampanya kontra droga at kriminalidad, alam natin na nasasabak ang ating mga kapulisan sa iba't ibang mapanganib na operasyon. Hangad natin ang kanilang kaligtasan at tagumpay laban sa mga kriminal at iba pang mga banta sa kapayapaan at kaayusan sa ating bayan.*

*Hindi talaga matatawaran ang serbisyo at sakripisyo ng bawat pulis, guro at sundalo sa ating bansa. Hangad natin na ang mga awardees ay magsilbing inspirasyon sa mga iba pa. Higit pa dyan, hangad natin na lalo pang tumaas ang respeto at paghanga ng ating mga kapwa Pilipino sa mga institusyon na kanilang kinakatawanan. Saludo kaming lahat dito sa inyo.*

*Maraming salamat sa serbisyo at proteksyon na inyong ibinibigay sa amin.*

*More power to all of you! Mabuhay kayong lahat!*

#### **COSPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR BINAY**

In cosponsoring Proposed Senate Resolution No. 101, Senator Binay delivered the following speech:

Time and again, the brave members of our Philippine National Police have shown their dedication to their sworn duty to “serve and protect” the Filipino people.

*Nakikita po natin ito sa bawat pulis na pumoprotekta sa atin saan man tayo mapadpad araw-araw. Naririyan po sila sa ating mga komunidad, nagmamatayag at handa tayong ipaglaban sa mga masasamang loob at tulungan sa panahon ng sakuna.*

*Nakita po natin ito sa apatnapu’t apat na magigiting na miyembro ng Special Action Force na inialay ang kanilang buhay sa ngalan ng paglilingkod sa bayan.*

This is why it is my privilege and honor to cosponsor the resolution commending the awardees of the 2016 Metrobank Foundation – Rotary Club of New Manila East Search for the Country’s Outstanding Police Officers I Service.



*Sa kabilang mapanganib na mga operasyon, sila po ay patuloy na naglilingkod – malimit ay naisasantabi ang panahon para sa sarili at sa pamilya upang maibigay sa mama-mayang Pilipino ang payapang pamumuhay.*

*Sigurado pong mas matindi pa ang hamon sa hanay ng PNP ngayong pinaigting ng bagong administrasyon ang ating laban sa kriminalidad at iligal na droga. Ngunit alam po nating lahat na hindi po matitnag ang magigiting nating pulis sa pagsisibti sa bayan. Congratulations to the ten outstanding police officers we have before us today. Hindi po mapapantayan ang inyong sakripisyos para sa bayan.*

*Mabuhay ang ating mga magigiting na pulis! Saludo po ang sambayanang Pilipino sa inyo!*

#### COSPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR LACSON

Senator Lacson said that it was an honor for him to present Proposed Senate Resolution No. 101 congratulating and commending the men and women who were chosen as this year's Country's Outstanding Policemen in Service (COPS).

*The full text of his speech follows:*

I can find no better place than here, or more appropriate occasion than now, to pay tribute to these law enforcers for their unwavering commitment and consistent contributions in serving and protecting our countrymen.

A long time ago, somebody said, and allow me to paraphrase: "Soldiery and police service are the two most noble professions for we have no capital but our lives."

Having come from the ranks of the police and the military, I mean it every time I say it: "*Hindi biro ang mapabilang sa ating unipormadong hanay. Sabi nga nila, sa tuwing lalabas ang isang pulis o sundalo sa kanyang bahay, pagkatapos magpaalam sa kanyang pamilya, ang isa sa kanyang dalawang paa ay maaaring patungo sa hukay o sa kulungan at ang isang paa lamang ang maaring magdala sa kanya pabalik sa kanyang tahanan.*

While it cannot be denied that certain sectors tend to believe the bad public perception in relation to the PNP's mechanism to combat illegal drugs and which may have demoralized our men in uniform, I am certain that our 10 outstanding policemen in service here today will serve as an inspiration not only to our

communities and to the nation but also to the entire police force.

While recent events like the Davao explosion last week and other threats of terror which disrupt our country's peace and order situation, I say without fear of contradiction that committed law enforcers like them play a relevant and critical role.

This year's selection of cops could not have been possible without the diligent efforts of the final board of judges chaired by our very own distinguished colleague, the Honorable Cynthia Villar, and co-chaired by Court of Appeals, Senior Associate Justice Magdangal De Leon. I hope that this year's awardees will always remember that no matter how thankless a law enforcement job may often seem to be, it is the feeling of fulfillment that one has performed his job well that will always count.

Their professionalism in performing the duties under the most trying circumstances is a testament to their unshakeable commitment to their sworn oath, "To Serve and Protect." For this and probably many other reasons, they deserve no less but our snappiest salute.

#### ADOPTION OF PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 101

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 101, taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 106 and 121, was adopted by the Body, subject to style.

#### COAUTHORS

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, all senators present were made coauthors of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 101.

#### PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 102

With the consent of the Body, upon motion of Senator Sotto, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 102, entitled

**RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE OUTSTANDING PHILIPPINE SOLDIERS (TOPS) OF 2016 AWARDED BY THE METRO-BANK FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF MAKATI METRO.**

taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution No. 122.

With the permission of the Body, only the title of the resolution was read without prejudice to the insertion of its full text into the Record of the Senate.

### **SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR HONASAN**

Senator Honasan submitted for the consideration of the Body Proposed Senate Resolution No. 102, as the Senate joins the Metrobank Foundation, Incorporated in partnership with the Rotary Club of Makati Metro, in honoring and commanding the Ten Outstanding Philippine Soldiers of 2016 who have been selected for their dedication, competence, professionalism and integrity.

*The rest of Senator Honasan's sponsorship speech follows:*

These uniformed public servants are part of an institution whose mission is to help protect our democratic institutions and way of life. They risk their lives daily to perform their duty as part of the total war that the government and the citizenry continue to wage against all threats – domestic and foreign: terrorism, lawlessness, criminality, dangerous drugs, intrusion into our economic zones and territorial integrity.

These men and women know that the permanent battleground—in fact, where all of us in government and public service, will have to permanently fight and must win—is in the hearts and minds of the very same people we serve. This includes the root causes of the political, social and economic challenges that we face – injustice, poverty, hunger, homelessness, ignorance and divisiveness.

I have the honor to introduce our 2016 Outstanding Philippine soldiers whom we dedicated to God, country and family.

*At this juncture, Senator Honasan requested the awardees to stand as their names are called:*

#### **For the Philippine Army:**

4. Lieutenant Colonel Elglen Ferrer Villaflor;
5. Technical Sergeant Danilo Delos Santos; and
6. Technical Sergeant Bernardo Labo Tacbas.

#### **For the Philippine Navy:**

4. Lieutenant Colonel Wilfredo Baylon Manalang, Jr.;

5. Intelligence Specialist Chief Fernando Junio Parcon; and
6. Staff Sergeant Albert Dangan Eleazar.

#### **For the Philippine Air Force**

4. Lieutenant Colonel Oliver Alina Bañaria;
5. Master Sergeant Abel Lim Idusma; and
6. Master Sergeant Anderson Daing Avellan.

#### **For the Technical and Administrative Service (Medical Corps)**

1. Colonel Jocelyn Pancrudo Turla

May we request that the full text of Proposed Resolution No. 102 be entered into the Records of the Senate to form part of our sponsorship speech.

By adopting this proposed resolution, the Senate supports the conferment of the T.O.P.S award on these outstanding soldiers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

*Hereunder is the full text of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 102:*

WHEREAS, the Search for The Outstanding Philippine Soldiers (T.O.P.S.) implemented since 1999 is an annual project of the Metrobank Foundation, Incorporated in partnership with the Rotary Club of Makati Metro, in consonance with the conviction of both these organizations to honor excellence in the pursuit of a vocation. Over the years, the Search for T.O.P.S. has become the highest and most sought after civilian award given to military personnel;

WHEREAS, the competition is an expression of gratitude to the heroism, gallantry, dedication and sacrifices of the gallant men and women of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. In 2003, the Search for T.O.P.S. became a career achievement award that recognizes the contribution of a soldier's best seven (7) years of his/her service in the military;

WHEREAS, the Search awards a maximum ten (10) winners each year which shall be chosen from among all Commissioned Officers from each of the Major Branch of Services with a rank of Captain up to Colonel and Enlisted Personnel who are at least in active service of seven (7) years, and from among all Commissioned Officers with the rank of Captain up to Colonel of the Technical and Administrative Service (TAS) of the AFP;



WHEREAS, the competition raises the model of excellence within the military which the other soldiers should emulate, represents the ideals being upheld by the larger sector of the national community represented by both the Metrobank Foundation, Incorporated and the Rotary Club of Makati Metro, and likewise highlights the contribution of the AFP in peace, security, nation building and development;

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines proudly joins the Metrobank Foundation, Incorporated and the Rotary Club of Makati Metro in honoring and commanding the gallant men and women who have risked life and limb in defense of our country's sovereignty through the 2016 Search for The Outstanding Philippine Soldiers;

WHEREAS, the Roll of Honor for this year's winners for the Search for T.O.P.S. consists of three (3) men from the Philippine Army, three (3) men from the Philippine Air Force, three (3) men from the Philippine Navy, and one (1) woman from the Technical and Administrative Services (Medical Corps) of the AFP;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved, That the Senate of the Philippines honors and commands the Outstanding Philippine Soldiers chosen by the Metrobank Foundation, Incorporated and the Rotary Club of Makati Metro in their 2016 Search for T.O.P.S. namely:

***For the Philippine Army:***

*Commissioned Officer Category*

1. LIEUTENANT COLONEL  
ELIGLEN FERRER VILLAFLOR PA (GSC)  
Chief of Staff  
Special Forces Regiment (Airborne)  
Special Operations Command  
Philippine Army, Palayan City

*Enlisted Personnel Category*

2. TECHNICAL SERGEANT  
DANILO DELOS SANTOS RAMOS PA  
Chief Intelligence  
Non-Commissioned Officer  
1st Infantry Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division  
Philippine Army, Infanta, Quezon
3. TECHNICAL SERGEANT  
BERNARDO LABAO TACBAS PA  
First Sergeant Headquarters  
and Headquarters Service Battalion,  
4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division  
Philippine Army, Cagayan De Oro City

**For the Philippine Navy:**

*Commissioned Officer Category*

1. LIEUTENANT COLONEL  
WILFREDO BAYLON MANALANG, JR.  
(PN) M  
Commanding Officer  
Marine Battalion Landing Team-8  
Philippine Marine Corps  
Sulu

*Enlisted Personnel Category*

2. INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST CHIEF  
FERNANDO JUNIO PARCON, PN  
Petty Officer-in-Charge  
Counter Intelligence Group,  
Naval Intelligence Security Force  
Philippine Navy  
Taguig City
3. STAFF SERGEANT  
ALBERT DANGAN ELEAZAR PN (M)  
Platoon Sergeant  
6 Marine Company,  
Marine Battalion Landing Team 6  
Philippine Marine Corps, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine  
Brigade, Sultan Kudarat

**For the Philippine Air Force:**

*Commissioned Officer Category*

1. LIEUTENANT COLONEL  
OLIVER ALINA BANARIA PAF  
Director for Communications  
Office of the Assistant Chief  
of Air Staff for Communications,  
Electronics and Information Systems,  
O-A6, Philippine Air Force  
Pasay City

*Enlisted Personnel Category*

2. MASTER SERGEANT ABEL  
LIM IDUSMA PAF  
Sergeant Major  
Tactical Operations Group 10,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Air Division  
Philippine Air Force  
Cagayan de Oro City
  3. MASTER SERGEANT ANDERSON  
DAING AVELLANA PAF  
Non-Commissioned Officer-in-Charge  
Armament Branch, 463<sup>rd</sup> Avionics  
Armament Maintenance Squadron  
15<sup>th</sup> Strike Wing, Philippine Air Force,  
Cavite City
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*For the Technical and Administrative Service (Medical Corps)*

1. COLONEL  
JOCELYN PANCRUDO TURLA MC (GSC)  
(Medical Corps)  
Deputy for Professionals  
Armed Forces of the Philippines  
Medical Center, Quezon City

For their loyalty and dedication to the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, for their faithful performance of their sworn duties and responsibilities beyond reproach and for being model citizens in their respective communities.

### **CONSPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR BINAY**

In cosponsoring Proposed Senate Resolution No. 101, Senator Binay delivered the following speech:

*Isang pribilehiyo at karanganan sa akin na tumayo at maging cosponsor ng resolusyon kumikilala sa mga awardee ng Metrobank Foundation – Rotary Club Makati Metro Search for The Outstanding Philippine Soldiers (TOPS) 2016.*

*Sa sampung sundalang awardees ng TOPS, ipinaabot ko ang aking mainit na pagbati at papuri sa inyo.*

From securing our country from internal and external threats, and helping keep the peace, we honor today the finest examples of true service and dedication in our public servants.

*Ang karanganan na inyong tinanggap ay pagkilala sa dedikasyon at sakripisyo sa pagtupad ng inyong sinumpaang tungkulin na protektahan ang ating Inang Bayan. Marami rin sa inyo ang piniling mawalay sa inyong mga mahal sa buhay upang maging ama at ina ng mga kababayan at komunidad na mas nangangailangan ng inyong serbisyo at pagkalinga. Kayo ang halimbawa ng propesyunal na sundalang Pilipino, matapang, tapat at marangal.*

*Nawa ay maging hamon po sa inyo ang parangal na ito upang lalong pagbutihin pa ang paglilingkod sa sambayanan at paggawa ng mabuti.*

I am sure that you will continue the gallant service you have done to the Filipino people to the best of your abilities.

Our country faces many threats today, whether external or internal, and I know that you will do your duty to protect the country and maintain the peace.

You are truly the pride and honor of our uniformed services. *Nawa ay dumami pa ang mga katulad ninyong may marka ng isang maaasahang lingkod bayan: may kagalingan, disiplina at serbisyo.*

*Mabuhay kayo! Mabuhay ang sundalang Pilipino!*

### **MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR ZUBIRI**

Senator Zubiri apologized to the Chamber for standing up earlier to deliver a speech honoring the policemen and soldiers. He clarified that it was never his intention to steal the thunder from the sponsorship speeches of his colleagues.

Senator Zubiri said, however, that he was pleased that the resolutions gave the teachers, policemen and soldiers the honor they truly deserve as they have toiled and risked their lives for the country.

### **ADOPTION OF PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 102**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body adopted Proposed Senate Resolution No. 102, taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution No. 122, authored by Senator Binay, subject to style.

### **COAUTHORS**

Senator Sotto manifested that all senators present in the Chamber be made coauthors of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 102.

### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, the session was suspended for the presentation of the resolutions of commendation to the awardees.

*It was 4:17 p.m.*

### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 6:12 p.m., the session was resumed.



## PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATOR PACQUIAO

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the privilege speech of Senator Pacquiao regarding the Davao bombings was deemed read and inserted into the Record.

*Following is the privilege speech of Senator Pacquiao:*

*Mga kasama kong senador at sa ating mga kababayan, isa pong mapagpala at ligtas na hapon sa ating lahat.*

*Bawat pikit ng aking mata, nakikita ko ang kalunus-lunos na sinapit ng mga biktima ng pagsabog sa night market sa Davao, one of the most popular and beloved cities in Mindanao.*

As Christians and Muslims, more so as Filipinos, we must condemn in the strongest terms possible this senseless terroristic attack which took the lives of 15 innocent civilians and inflicted harm to more than 60 others.

*Malinaw ang mithiin ng mga taong nasa likod nito. Gusto nilang manaig ang takot sa bawat mamamayan, habang pinili nila ang Lungsod ng Davao bilang entablado ng kanilang kapusukan sa mithiing ipahiya ang ating Pangulo sa mata ng mundo at mga pinuno ng iba't ibang bansa na ngayon ay kasama niya sa ASEAN Summit sa Laos.*

*Huwag po sana nating hayaan na manaig sila sa kanilang misyon, lalo't nadarama ko ang takot na umiiral ngayon sa puso ng ating mga kababayan, which is the main reason why these soulless perpetrators came through with this senseless and inhuman attack.*

The Abu Sayyaf has been named as the group behind this savagery but we cannot discount the possibility that narco-terrorists might be pulling the strings.

*Nakapagtataka po kasi ang timing ng insidente gayun na rin ang ginagawang pagatake ng mga terorista.*

*Nauna nang lumabas sa intelligence reports ng Philippine National Police na plano ng mga drug syndicates na tapikin ang pwersa ng mga Jihadist militant groups na ISIS at BIFF upang mawindang ang agresibong anti-drug campaign ni Pangulong Duterte.*

*Malakas ang aking kutob at paniniwala na maaring diversionary tactics ang Davao*

night market bombing *upang mabulabog ang mabubuting gawain ng administrasyon.*

*Bakit kailangang idamay pa rito ang mga inosenteng sibilyan na may mga asawa, anak, kapatid at magulang na naghihintay sa kanila sa bayah?*

*Hindi ko inakala na magiging madamdamin ang aking talumpati ngayong araw, dahil kamakailan lamang sa aking unang privilege speech bilang senador ay inilahad ko ang matinding pagsuporta sa reimposition ng death penalty.*

And as the country once again is at the center of another terroristic attack, I cannot help but again insist on you my fellow lawmakers the urgent need to prioritize Senate Bill No. 185.

*Hindi ko po diretsahang iniuugnay sa drug cartel ang insidente pero sa aking pakikipag-ugnayan sa mga kaibigan mula sa Philippine National Police, maging sila ay aminadong isa ito sa mga anggulon kanilang tinitignan.*

*Ang Abu Sayyaf at iba pang insurgents ay hindi basta-basta makakakilos nang walang ayuda mula sa mga grupong magpi-finance sa kanila. At sa aspetong ito, may kakayahang ang mga drug traffickers na magpaluwal ng malaking halaga maprotektahan lamang ang kanilang interes.*

*Walang imposible kung ang pag-uusapan ay pagkagahaman sa pera.*

*Unti-unti na pong nanaig ang ating laban kontra droga at sa mas matalim na batas, magagawa nating masugpo na ito nang tuluyan kasabay ng mas maigting na laban kontra Moro fundamentalist.*

The lasting peace in our country should be indispensable; it must not be compromised by the capriciousness of an evil few.

*Sa ating mga kababayan, ngayon po ang panahon para mas manlig tayo sa ating mga pinuno at sumuporta sa lahat ng hakbang na naglalayong makamit ang pangmatagalang kapayapaan sa ating bansa.*

*Tayo ay tumugon sa hamon ng katatagan at muling pagpapamalas ng tibay ng loob bilang mga Pilipino.*

To all the terrorists and those who want to sow terror in our country, we will not allow your wickedness to decide for our future. The government and our authorities — the armed forces and the police — will not let their guards down.

*P.S.*

For now, I hope and pray God will touch your hearts so you can feel the agony of the families left behind by your victims.

And while the smoke has not yet cleared, let us all continue to believe that Mindanao is predominantly safe despite this recent deplorable act of terrorism.

To the grieving families of the victims, my deepest sympathy and condolences.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1 ON SENATE BILL NO. 1112**

(Continuation)

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration, on Second Reading, of Senate Bill No. 1112 (Committee Report No. 1), entitled

#### **AN ACT POSTPONING THE OCTOBER 2016 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Senator Sotto stated that in the previous session, the Body terminated the period of individual amendments, and he announced that clean copies of the bill as amended, have already been distributed to all senators for their perusal.

Senator Sotto, however, manifested that Senator Recto wanted to introduce same minor corrections.

#### **RECONSIDERATION OF THE TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS**

Acting on the request of Senator Recto, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body reconsidered the termination of the period of individual amendments and reopened the same.

#### **SOTTO AMENDMENTS**

As proposed by Senator Sotto and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the following amendments:

1. On page 2, line 6, insert the word DULY between the words "been" and "elected"; and
2. Still on the same page, line 17, insert the phrase A PERIOD OF before the word and figure "ten (10)".

#### **TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS**

There being no other individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of individual amendments.

#### **APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 1112 ON SECOND READING**

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, Senate Bill No. 1112 was approved on Second Reading.

#### **SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 1112**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the bill.

#### **COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMANSHIP**

Senator Sotto manifested for the record the designation of Senator Honasan as vice chairman of the Committee on Energy.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR SOTTO**

Senator Sotto said that he was in receipt of the request from the Office of Senator Gatchalian to refer to the Committee on Economic Affairs, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 123 (Economic Effects of the *Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program - 4Ps*) which was previously referred to the Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development and to the Committee on Finance, the same committee referral of Senate Bill Nos. 687, 310, 65, 33 and 12 covering the 4Ps.

Considering that Proposed Senate Resolution No. 123 aims to look into the economic effects of the 4Ps, he said that it would be proper to likewise refer the same to the Committee on Economic Affairs as a secondary committee.

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## ADDITIONAL REFERRALS

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Chair referred the following Senate resolutions to the committees hereunder indicated:

1. Proposed Senate Resolution No. 123 to the Committee on Economic Affairs as secondary committee; and
2. Proposed Senate Resolution No. 126 to the Committee on Justice and Human Rights as secondary committee.

## CHANGE OF REFERRALS

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body approved the change of primary referral of the following Senate bills:

1. Senate Bill No. 133 (One Family, One Graduate Act) from the Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development to the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture as the primary committee; and

2. Senate Bill No. 309 (Magna Carta of Workers in Informal Economy) from the Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development to the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources as the primary committee

## ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of the following day.

*It was 5:16 p.m.*

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

  
ATTY. LUTGARDO B. BARBO  
*Secretary of the Senate*  
*per P. pat*

Approved on September 7, 2016