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RESOLUTION No. 129

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE JUAN PONCE ENRILE, FOR HIS INVALUABLE AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SENATE AND THE FILIPINO PEOPLE DURING HIS TERMS AS SENATOR

WHEREAS, the Honorable Juan Ponce Enrile, a dedicated public servant and advocate of sincere, competent and responsive governance, has served as senator for four (4) terms of office (1987-1992, 1995-2001, 2004-2010 and 2010-2016);

WHEREAS, in 1987, serving as the lone minority in the Senate, he was elected Chairman of the Committees on Ways and Means; and Government Corporations and Public Enterprises;

WHEREAS, during his terms as senator, he was instrumental in the enactment of important measures such as the Comprehensive Tax Reform Law; the Human Security Act; and the Anti-terrorism Law;

WHEREAS, he also pushed for the enactment of the Anti-Trust bill, the proposed amendments to the EPIRA law, and the proposed increase in the tax exemptions of individual taxpayers;

WHEREAS, on 17 November 2008, with the trust and confidence bestowed upon him by his peers in this august Body, he accepted the position of Senate President, vowing "to uphold the independence and integrity of the Senate" for the greater good of the people;

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Senate passed a number of vital economic and social legislations such as the CARP Extension, the Anti-Torture Act, the Expanded Senior Citizens Act, the Anti-Child Pornography Act, the National Heritage Conservation Act, and the Real Estate Investment Act;

WHEREAS, faithful to his promise to serve the Filipino people with utmost dedication and competence and to uphold and assert the independence and integrity of the Senate as an institution, he discharged his duties and responsibilities with honor, dedication, impartiality and fairness as Presiding Officer of the Senate sitting as an Impeachment Court to try and decide on the impeachment case of former Supreme Court Justice Renato C. Corona;

WHEREAS, after he stepped down as Senate President on 5 June 2013, he assumed the role of Minority Leader and rigorously participated in the floor deliberations of important measures aimed at improving the general welfare of the people;

WHEREAS, his immeasurable contributions to the 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th Congresses have been highly instrumental to the Chamber's outstanding achievement: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, To commend, as it hereby commends, the Minority Leader, the Honorable Juan Ponce Enrile, for his invaluable and dedicated service to the Senate and the Filipino people during his terms as senator.

Adopted,

FRANKLIN M. DRILON President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 6, 2016.

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Secretary of the Senate