## Republic of the Philippines Congress of the Philippines

Senate

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## RESOLUTION No. 101

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FILIPINO INTERNATIONAL SINGER AND COMPOSER FREDDIE "ANAK" AGUILAR FOR HIS LIFETIME OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PHILIPPINE ARTS AND CULTURE

WHEREAS, the recording of "ANAK", a song with a poignant story about a parent's love for a wayward child, by a talented young man from Isabela named Freddie Aguilar was released on March 18, 1978;

WHEREAS, the 40th anniversary of the release of this phenomenal song will be celebrated this March 18, 2018;

WHEREAS, the hit song "ANAK" was released in fifty-three (53) countries, translated in twenty-nine (29) languages and re-recorded in more than one hundred (100) versions and sold thirty-three (33) million copies worldwide;

WHEREAS, Billboard reported that the song was number one in the U.S. for two weeks and world hit of the 1980s, and that as of 2006, it was unsurpassed as the all-time highest-selling record of Philippine music;

WHEREAS, thirty-seven years after its release, the song "ANAK" was used as the theme song of Gangnam Blues, a South Korean action film released in March of 2015;

WHEREAS, some of Mr. Aguilar's songs that echoed the state of the nation then were entitled "KATARUNGAN" (justice), "PANGAKO" (promise), "LUZVIMINDA" (Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao, the three main islands in the Philippines);

WHEREAS, Mr. Freddie Aguilar is the only Asian singer and composer who broke into the western market and gained massive global recognition, bringing pride and honor to our country, and whose unceasing nationalistic contribution to the Philippine music and culture warrants recognition: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To recognize Mr. Freddie "Anak" Aguilar for his lifetime outstanding contributions to the Philippine arts and culture.

Adopted,

AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III

President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 13, 2018.

LUTGARDO B. BARBO Secretary of the Senate