

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Resolution No. NECO-2019- 06

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING LIBERAL LEGISLATORS FOR THEIR ROLE IN NATION-BUILDING THROUGH THE AUTHORSHIP/SPONSORSHIP, CO-AUTHORSHIP/CO-SPONSORSHIP OF KEY LEGISLATION PROVIDING SOUND POLICY DIRECTION FOR NATIONAL GOVERNANCE

WHEREAS, the Seventeenth (17th) Congress produced several key legislations that have greatly contributed toward nation-building, and have held the line in upholding liberal values and in defending democratic institutions;

WHEREAS, for the 17th Congress, there were twenty-four (24) LP congressmen in the House of Representatives and four (4) LP senators sitting in the Philippine Senate;

WHEREAS, many of these LP legislators (a list of their names is attached as **Annex “A”**), defending Congress’ role as institutional check and balance to the other branches of government, and despite the odds, chose to stand by their principles and vote along the party position, in particular against the re-imposition of the death penalty, the proposed Php 1,000.00 budget for the Commission on Human Rights, the lowering of the minimum age of criminal liability, and charter change/federalism;

WHEREAS, in certain key instances wherein the Administration’s legislative agenda is in harmony with liberal values and principles, such as the passage of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (RA 11054), the LP legislators endeavored to contribute in the efforts to refine and strengthen these proposed measures, and supported their passage into law;

WHEREAS, as their contribution to nation-building, Liberal Party legislators authored and sponsored bills such as the *Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino* Program (RA 11310); Magna Carta of the Poor (RA 11291); National Feeding Act (RA 11037); *Sagip Saka* Act (RA 11321); Free College Tuition Act (RA 10931); 105-Day Expanded Maternity Leave Law (RA 11210); *Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Mag-Nanay* Act (RA 11148); Mental Health Act (RA 11036); Revised Corporation Code of the Philippines (RA 11232); Ease of Doing Business Act (RA 11032); Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System Act (RA 11038) and Philippine Space Agency Act (RA 11363), among others.

WHEREAS, to bravely make their stand on these key issues and at the same time, author/sponsor and successfully pass into law legislation highly beneficial to our people, is no small feat, considering the current political climate;

WHEREAS, these LP legislators should be commended for putting the country first and for prioritizing the people's interests and their needs over the tempting stance of obstructionism;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that We, the undersigned members, after having been duly called assembled as the National Executive Council, commend the LP legislators, who, through their authorship and sponsorship of key pieces of legislation, have upheld liberal values and principles, and defended the democratic institutions during the 17th Congress.

Adopted this 19th September 2019 in Quezon City, Philippines.