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RESOLUTION ON

AIPA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD TO HON. JOSE C. DE VENECIA, JR.

Sponsored by AIPA Secretariat

The Forty-sixth General Assembly:

Recognising the valuable services, outstanding contribution and tireless efforts of Hon. Jose C. De Venecia Jr., President of AIPA in 1994 and 2006 as well as the former Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Philippines, in pursuit of the goals and objectives of AIPA;

Considering the nomination of Hon. Jose C. De Venecia Jr., former Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Philippines, with the unanimous support of all Delegations;

Recalling his leadership in the transformation of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization (AIPO) into the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA), and his role in hosting the General Assemblies in Manila in 1994 and Cebu in 2006, thereby strengthening the institutional foundations of AIPA;

Recognising his initiatives in establishing regional and global platforms for inter-parliamentary and political cooperation, including the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP), Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) and the recent International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP);

Commending his lifelong commitment to advancing parliamentary diplomacy, peace-building, and ASEAN integration, thereby significantly contributing to AIPA's mission of fostering mutual understanding and solidarity among Member Parliaments.

Hereby resolves to:

Agree that this General Assembly confers the AIPA Distinguished Service Award to Hon. Jose C. De Venecia Jr., in recognition of his meritorious services to AIPA.

Adopted in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on the Twentieth Day of September, in the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Original Version

This year, the AIPA Secretariat has received two nomination letters from the House of Representatives of the Philippines and the Parliament of Singapore. Therefore, the following are the justification for the two nominations received:

Rationale of Nomination of Hon. Jose C. De Venecia Jr. of the Philippines

Hon. Jose C. De Venecia Jr. was first elected as a congressman in 1969 at the age of 32, marking the beginning of his career with the House of Representatives of the Philippines. He served as President of AIPA in 1994 and 2006. He subsequently elected five times as Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Philippines in 1992–1998 and 2001–2008. He is also the Founder and Chairman Emeritus of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP). Throughout his tenure in the Philippine Congress and in his various leadership roles, he has actively contributed to strengthening parliamentary diplomacy and advancing the objectives of AIPA and inter-parliamentary cooperation across ASEAN and global.

Rationale of Nomination of Hon. Lim Biow Chuan of Singapore

Hon. Lim Biow Chuan served as a Member of Parliament of Singapore from 2006 to 2024, completing four elected terms over 18 years of parliamentary service for the Parliament of Singapore. In 2006, he began his participation in the AIPA General Assembly and has since consistently engaged in various AIPA-related activities, including the AIFOCOM Meeting, AIPA Caucus, Ad-Hoc Working Group, and AIPA Seminar, alongside attending more than 15 AIPA General Assemblies. His steadfast dedication to advancing AIPA's objectives has been further demonstrated through his leadership, including chairing multiple AIPA Committee Meetings.

Recommendation

Given that each has demonstrated exemplary character, integrity, and reputation, along with a significant contribution to AIPA's work for over five years, it is worth noting that all two nominations meet the established criteria and have shown outstanding

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dedication and service to AIPA. This final decision is under the discretion of the AIPA General Assembly.