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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Under Republic Act No. 10868 or the "Centenarians Act of 2016," Filipinos who live to one hundred (100) years, whether living in the Philippines or abroad, will receive a cash gift in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00). Unfortunately, very few Filipinos live to reach 100 years to enjoy this special benefit.

The undersigned believes that extending the same cash gift to Filipinos reaching the age of eighty (80) and ninety (90) years old will benefit more Filipinos and honor more of them accordingly.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Sec. 2 of Republic Act No. 10868, otherwise 1 known as the "Centenarians Act of 2016," is hereby amended to read 2 as follows: 3 "Sec. 2. Letter of Felicitation and Cash Gift. - All 5 Filipinos who reach the AGE OF EIGHTY (80) 6 YEARS OLD, NINETY (90) YEARS OLD, AND 7 one hundred (100) years old, whether residing in the 8 Philippines or abroad, shall be honored with: 9 10 [(a) A Letter of Felicitation from the President of 11 Philippines congratulating the celebrant 12 for his or her longevity; and] 13

[b] (A) A [Centenarian] CASH Gift in the amount of TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P20,000.00) UPON REACHING THE AGE OF EIGHTY (80) YEARS OLD, THIRTY THOUSAND PESOS (P30,000.00) UPON REACHING THE AGE OF NINETY (90) YEARS OLD, and [one hundred] FIFTY thousand pesos (P50,000.00) UPON REACHING THE AGE OF ONE HUNDRED (100) YEARS OLD.

PROVIDED, THAT ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE REACHED THE AGE OF EIGHTY (80) YEARS OLD AND NINETY (90) YEARS OLD PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT SHALL RECEIVE THE TOTAL CASH GIFT CORRESPONDING THERETO; AND

B) A LETTER OF FELICITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES CONGRATULATING THE CELEBRANT UPON REACHING THE AGE OF ONE HUNDRED (100) YEARS OLD FOR HIS OR HER LONGEVITY.

SEC. 2. Separability Clause. - Should any provision of this Act or part hereof be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions and parts hereof, insofar as they are separable from the invalid ones, shall remain in full force and effect.

after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

SEC. 3. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, orders,

SEC. 4. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days

issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent

with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.