



RESOLUTION NO. 275

"WHEREAS the long and arduous struggle of the people of Pakistan for federalism and bicameral parliament was reflected in the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 and as a result, the Senate of Pakistan, on 6th August, 1973 came into existence as a House of the Federation, giving equal representation to the Federating Units;

WHEREAS the drafters of the Constitution, 1973, considered it the most important introduction in the Constitution to provide for a truly and genuinely federal form or federal Constitution in the country notwithstanding the huge disparity in the population of various provinces;

WHEREAS the Senate of Pakistan keeping in view the concept of unity through diversity provides for the blossoming of different cultures within the Federation, so as to synthesize it into one Pakistani culture thus playing an important role in promoting inter-provincial and federal-provincial harmony;

WHEREAS the Senate of Pakistan commemorates its 44th Foundation Day;

THEREFORE, the Senate of Pakistan, on this historic day and keeping in view the significance of evolving and safeguarding parliamentary traditions,-

REITERATES its commitment to play its Constitutional role of defending and safeguarding the rights and interests of the Federation, Federating Units and citizens of Pakistan;

PAYS TRIBUTE to,-

- the unsung heroes of democracy, political workers and common people of Pakistan who sacrificed their lives and liberty to uphold the Constitution of Pakistan, 1973;
- our predecessors who worked hard to maintain the dignity and status of the Senate of Pakistan;

APPRECIATES the inclusion of Members of Senate in the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), a step forward in strengthening the democracy and participatory federalism which had become the constitutional requirement after the Constitution (18th Amendment) Act, 2010;

RESOLVES to continue its struggle for,-

Enhancement of the role and powers of the Senate in order to make Pakistan a true federation as envisaged by the Constitution, 1973;

Protection and representation of interests and rights of the,-

- Federating units and the people of Pakistan;
- Marginalized segments of Society; and
- Ethnic minorities

Transmitting fruits of democracy to the people of Pakistan;

Undertaking legislation that translates policies for the welfare and betterment of the Federation, the Federating Units and its citizenry;

Ensuring that devolution of subjects and powers takes place within the constitutional parameters and

Safeguarding the interest of the country in the wake of emerging regional and global realities.”

**Moved by Senator Aitzaz Ahsan
(Leader of the Opposition)
Unanimously passed by the Senate of Pakistan
on 5th August, 2016**