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RESOLUTION No. 122

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND
SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCE OF THE
SENATE ON THE DEATH OF SENATOR
PACITA MADRIGAL GONZALES

WHEREAS, Senator Pacita Madrigal Gonzales, popularly known as “Manang Pacita”, passed away on September 12, 2008;

WHEREAS, a highly educated intellectual, she graduated valedictorian in elementary and high school at the Philippine Women's University, *magna cum laude* in Bachelor of Science in Commerce at the University of Sto. Tomas and likewise finished special courses at the finishing school Le College Feminine de Bouffemont on Seine, Paris, Dale Carnegie Course and the Powers School of New York;

WHEREAS, a dedicated and outstanding social worker, she was Administrator of the Social Welfare during the term of President Ramon Magsaysay where she continuously exhibited a deep sense of commitment to serve the people by readily responding to the needs of victims of disasters and calamities;

WHEREAS, serving as Senator from November 8, 1955 to 1961, she was Chairman of the Committee on Social Justice, Community Development, and Welfare and introduced amendments to the Social Security System (SSS) law that provided liberal death, sickness, disability, and retirement benefits to industrial and agricultural workers, and increased and improved social services to the rural areas and economic upliftment of the barangays;

WHEREAS, for her continuous crusade for social justice and community development, she was considered the mother of social justice and social security and was cited as one of the outstanding Senators of the Year by the Senate Press Club in 1958 and an outstanding Senator by the Senate Press Club in 1960;

WHEREAS, as champion of women's rights, she worked for the ratification of universal recognition of women's political rights as drafted in the Geneva Convention, actively participated in the activities of the League of Women Voters as representative to the Triennial Congress of the International Alliance of Women in Naples, Italy;

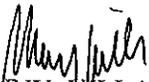
WHEREAS, her sincere gesture of generosity to the people was clearly manifested when she established the "Manang Pacita Educational Fund" financed from her salary and private funds which provided financial assistance to teachers;

WHEREAS, her passing away is a great loss not only to the bereaved family but to the nation as well: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, To express, as it hereby expresses, its profound sympathy and sincere condolence on the death of Senator Pacita Madrigal Gonzales.

Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the members of her family.

Adopted,


MANNY VILLAR
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 16, 2008.


EMMA LIRIO REYES
Secretary of the Senate
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