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## RESOLUTION No. 17

RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. RAMONA BUSTAMANTE-RAÑESES FOR WINNING THE WORLD SPEECH COMPETITION HELD IN INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, A TRUE REAFFIRMATION OF FILIPINOS WORLD-CLASS SPEECH PROWESS AND ELOQUENCE

WHEREAS, on 13 September 2007, Dr. Ramona Bustamante-Rañeses bagged the championship in a world speech competition held in Indianapolis, Indiana;

WHEREAS, the speech competition was one of the highlights of the 37th World Convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU), the oldest nonsectarian women's organization in the world which takes a strong stance against the influence of alcohol on families and society;

WHEREAS, Dr. Rañeses beat other participants from twenty-six (26) countries including Australia and the United States which bagged the second and third places, respectively;

WHEREAS, Dr. Rañeses is a 58-year-old speech and theater arts teacher at the Bicol University for thirty-seven (37) years and a holder of a doctorate degree in English from the University of Santo Tomas;

WHEREAS, she is a native of Oas, Albay and a mother of nine (9) children;

WHEREAS, in her speech, she said: "We have to be agents of change to bring out a beautiful world for mankind and we can do this by bringing forth to the world children who are healthy, vibrant, active, intelligent and beautiful. This can be done by avoiding involvement with smoking, alcoholism and drugs.";

WHEREAS, she concluded her speech with a resolution, "I resolve to give more time to my children. . . to pay attention to the needs of my children. . . to be always around whenever my children need my help.";

WHEREAS, Dr. Rañeses has done the nation proud and has shown the world the Filipinos' capacity to excel in the international arena: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To commend Dr. Ramona Bustamante-Rañeses for winning in the world speech competition held in Indianapolis, Indiana and for contributing to the pride and honor of the global Filipino.

Adopted,

MANNY VILLAR President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 24, 2007.

EMMA LIRIO-REYES
Secretary of the Senate