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RESOLUTION NO. 138

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND
SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF
THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE
DEATH OF JESUSA PURIFICACION LEVY
SONORA-POE, POPULARLY KNOWN AS "SUSAN
ROCES"

WHEREAS, Jesusa Purificacion Levy Sonora-Poe, popularly known as "Susan Roces", a movie icon, a true Filipina, and a national treasure, passed away on May 20, 2022, at the age of 80;

WHEREAS, after making her acting debut in 1952 at the age of 11 in the movie "Mga Bituin ng Kinabukasan," she had since starred in more than 130 movies in a career that

spanned 70 years, for which she was regarded as the “Queen of Philippine Movies” and the foremost leading lady of local cinema;

WHEREAS, in 1968, she married Ronald Allan Kelley Poe, better known as “Fernando Poe Jr.” and the “King of Philippine Movies,” and they became one of the acknowledged power couples in the entertainment industry as they both produced movies under their own production outfits, Rosas Productions and FPJ Productions;

WHEREAS, as head of their movie production companies, she and her husband exhibited sincere concern over the plight of the workforce in the movie industry, breaking the long-time tradition of unequal treatment of stars and ordinary workers and implementing equal opportunity system among the cast and crew, thus earning the respect and admiration of the people they had worked with;

WHEREAS, for her exemplary performances as an actress, she was a recipient of various awards, such as the Star Awards For Movies “Outstanding Star of the Century Special Award (Natatanging Bituin ng Siglo)” (2019), the FAMAS Lifetime Achievement Award (2017), the FAMAS Special Award “Iconic Movie Queen of Philippine Cinema” (2015), the Cinema One Originals Digital Film Festival “Cinema One Legend Award” (2009), the FAMAS Huwarang Bituin Award (2004), the Film Academy of the Philippines “Lifetime Achievement Award” (2003), the FAMAS Best Actress Award for the movie “Gumising ka, Maruja” (1979), and the FAMAS Best Actress Award for the movie “Maligno” (1978);

WHEREAS, known for her refreshing beauty and sweet personality, she had portrayed various roles in several widely-known Filipino movies, including “Isinakdal Ko ang Aking Ina”, “Nasaan Ka Nang Kailangan Kita”, “Paano Kung Wala Ka Na?”, “Ang Daigdig ko’y Ikaw”, “Maruja”, “Patayin Mo sa Sindak si Barbara”, and “Mano Po 2: My Home”;

WHEREAS, a loving wife and mother, she wholeheartedly supported the political endeavor of her husband, who unfortunately died on December 14, 2004, and her daughter, who has now become a respectable legislator and one of the leading lawmakers of the country;

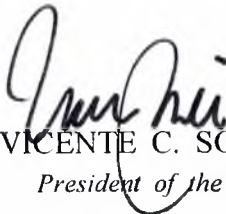
WHEREAS, on February 25, 2022, the Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPost) honored her through the Living Legends Commemorative Stamps, along with other achievers in showbiz, sports, the arts, and other fields who represented the best in their generations and who extolled their lifetime values of hard work, patience, perseverance and passion;

WHEREAS, the passing away of a legendary movie star whose invaluable contribution to Philippine cinema is beyond compare and whose sincerity, warmth, guidance, and kindness had truly touched the hearts of her fellow workers in the film industry, particularly the young actors and actresses who have just began their movie careers, will be mourned by the Filipino people and the nation: Now, therefore, be it


Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To express, as it hereby expresses, its profound sympathy and sincere condolences on the death of Jesusa Purificacion Levy Sonora-Poe, popularly known as "Susan Roces";

Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of the late Jesusa Purificacion Levy Sonora-Poe, popularly known as "Susan Roces".

Adopted,


VICENTE C. SOTTO III
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 23, 2022.


MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA
Secretary of the Senate