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## Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda

## RESOLUTION

COMMENDING ATTY. ANTONIO A. OPOSA, JR. FOR BEING THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2008 INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AWARD BY THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Whereas, Atty. Antonio A. Oposa, Jr., considered the country's pioneer in environmental law, won a landmark case before the Supreme Court in 2008 for the cleanup and rehabilitation of Manila Bay and for the enforcement of environment laws, worked to curb over-fishing and illegal fishing in the Visayan Sea, and established the School for Seas and Earth Advocates, among other trail-blazing efforts;

Whereas, Atty. Oposa is the recipient of the 2008 International Environmental Law Award conferred by the Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL) last April 21, 2009 in Washington DC;

Whereas, an announcement from CIEL said that Atty. Oposa's "work is internationally known for establishing at the highest Philippine Court of Law the principle of inter-generational responsibility – the right to sue governments on behalf of future generations to stop environmental damage";

Whereas, CIEL is a nonprofit organization created to use international law and institutions to protect the environment, promote human health, and ensure a just and sustainable society;

Whereas, the CIEL award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the effort to achieve solutions to environmental problems through international law and institutions;

Whereas, Atty. Oposa was chosen to receive the award for his tireless work to protect the country's natural resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Senate commends Atty. Antonio A. Oposa, Jr. for being the recipient of the 2009 International Environmental Law Award by the Center For International Environmental Law;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be given Atty. Antonio A. Oposa, Jr.

Adopted,

LOREN LEGARDA

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Senator