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Introduced by Senator JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI

RESOLUTION
COMMENDING ENVIRONMENTAL LAWYER ANTONIO A. OPOSA, JR.
FOR BEING THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2008 CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (CIEL) AWARD

WHEREAS, Attorney Antonio A. Oposa, Jr., a Filipino, is one of Asia's leading voices in the *international arena of Environmental Law* and pioneered the practice of Environmental Law in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Attorney Antonio A. Oposa, Jr. continues to prove himself as a leading environmental law practitioner in the Philippines, and, for his contributions to public interest environmental law, has been awarded the prestigious 'The Outstanding Young Man' (TOYM) award of the Philippines and the highest United Nations honor in the field of environment, the UN Environmental Programme (UNEP) Global 500 Roll of Honor;

WHEREAS, Attorney Antonio A. Oposa, Jr. is a professor of Environmental Law of the UP College of Law and of the Philippine Judicial Academy and advisor to a wide range of clientele – ranging from *pro bono farmers and fishermen's groups* to Governments and international agencies like the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and the US Agency for International Development;

WHEREAS, Attorney Antonio A. Oposa, Jr. is well-known for his legal work establishing the principle of inter-generational responsibility - the right to sue on behalf of future generations to stop environmental damage today;

WHEREAS, Attorney Antonio A. Oposa, Jr.'s recent work includes setting up a marine enforcement center and youth camp, together with a group of volunteers, to establish a network of bird and marine sanctuaries. He also recently organized and led a raid of a composite team of enforcement operatives from the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), Navy SEALs, Maritime Police and Bantay Dagat, seizing one ton of blasting powder – equivalent to some 6,000 dynamite sticks;

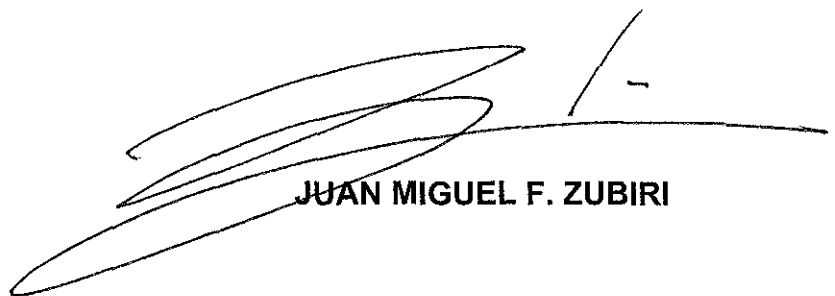
WHEREAS, Attorney Antonio A. Oposa, Jr. is the first Asian recipient of the prestigious International Environmental Law award from the Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL);

WHEREAS, the Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL) is a nonprofit organization working to use international law and institutions to protect the environment, promote human health, and ensure a just and sustainable society;

WHEREAS, the CIEL International Environmental Law Award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the effort to achieve solutions to environmental problems through international law and institutions;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to commend environmental lawyer Antonio A. Oposa, Jr. for being the recipient of the 2008 Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL) Award.

Adopted,



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI