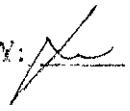


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**RESOLUTION**  
**CONGRATULATING SENATOR MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO FOR BEING**  
**ONE OF THE TEN AWARDEES OF THE WOMANITY AWARD BY THE**  
**FEMALE NETWORK AND FOR BEING LISTED AS ONE OF THE TWENTY**  
**MOST INFLUENTIAL FILIPINAS OF 2010 NAMED BY GOOGLE.COM**

**Whereas**, Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago received numerous awards and became globally famous with her courageous and brilliant crusade against corruption in the Philippines. In 1988, she was named *Laureate of the Asian Nobel Prize*, known as the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Government Service wherein she was cited for "bold and moral leadership in cleaning up a graft-ridden government agency";

**Whereas**, she was also named as one of "The 100 Most Powerful Women in the World" by an Australian magazine and was widely featured in the international press because of her charisma, flamboyant personality and witty criticisms

**Whereas**, the achievements and awards she received only reflect her academic excellence from primary school to law school. She graduated valedictorian from La Paz Elementary School and Iloilo Provincial National High School and topped the National College Entrance Examinations for Western Visayas Region. Further, she graduated from the University of the Philippines – Visayas with a degree of BA Political Science (*magna cum laude*) and with a near perfect average grade of 1.1;

**Whereas**, she continued to pursue further studies by taking up law at the University of the Philippines Diliman where she graduated *cum laude* and was the class valedictorian. She received the DeWitt Fellowship and earned the degree of Master of Laws after only one year and the degree of Doctor of the Science Jurisprudence after only six months at the University of Michigan law school;

**Whereas**, not content with her law doctorate, she pursued post doctoral studies in law at Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, Stanford, University of California, at Berkeley and Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. She, likewise attended the Hague Academy of Public International Law at the Hague, Netherlands and at the Sophia University in Tokyo;

**Whereas**, at the age of 25, she opted to join the government as special assistant to the Secretary of Justice and was tapped to be one of the speechwriters of President Ferdinand Marcos. She also was a professor of law at the UP Diliman. As the legal officer of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, she was assigned to the treaties and conferences section. In 1993, she was appointed Regional Trial Court judge and received judicial excellence from civic groups, notably as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Professionals of the Philippine Jaycees and the Ten Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service of the Philippine Lions;

**Whereas**, being an exemplary and distinguished public servant, she became the darling of the press, both in the national and international. She was featured by TIME, The Economist, New York Times, Washington Post, and International Herald Tribune, among others. She was pictured as incorruptible lady, the iron lady of Asia, the dragon lady, the platinum lady and the undisputed campus heroine, etc.;

**Whereas**, recently the website Female Network, which records an average of 4 million to 5 million page views per day and the globally famous search engine, Google.com, released the list of the Ten Womanity Awardees and the Top Twenty Most Influential Filipinas of 2010, respectively, cited Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago as one of the awardees;

**Whereas**, with the abovementioned academic excellence and achievements of Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to congratulate Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago for being one of the ten awardees of the Womanity Award named by the Female Network and for being listed as one of the twenty Most Influential Filipinas of 2010 listed by the globally famous search engine, the Google.com.

Adopted,

  
JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA  
Senator