

SENATE
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Introduced by **Senator Richard J. Gordon**

RESOLUTION
COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE CHINESE CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION
INCORPORATED (PCCAI) AND FILIPINO-CHINESE GENERAL CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE INCORPORATED (FCGCCI) FOR ITS PERSEVERANCE AND
UNWAVERING SUPPORT TO THE CAUSE OF RELEASING FILIPINA OVERSEAS
FILIPINO WORKER (OFW) NEMENCIA "CECILLE" ARMIA-ALCARAZ FROM
DEATH ROW IN TAIWAN

WHEREAS Nemencia "Cecille" Armia-Alcaraz, an Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW) in Taiwan, was jailed in 2007 for the slay of her employment broker, Taiwanese Chiu Mei-yun;

WHEREAS, on 30 September 2008, Taiwan's Kaoshiung District Court decreed Alcaraz guilty and sentenced her to die by firing squad;

WHEREAS, in the last High Court hearing on April 20, 2009, counsel for Alcaraz Atty. Jiao Wen Chen asked the Taiwanese High Court to overturn the district court decision citing reasonable doubt of Alcaraz's guilt;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Chinese Charitable Association, Inc. (PCCAI), together with the Filipino-Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Inc. (FCGCCI), through an open letter released in various media, emphatically manifested their wholehearted sympathy for Alcaraz's plight;

WHEREAS, on 4 May 2009, Alcaraz got the miracle she was praying for when the Taiwan appellate court downgraded her death penalty by firing squad to life imprisonment;

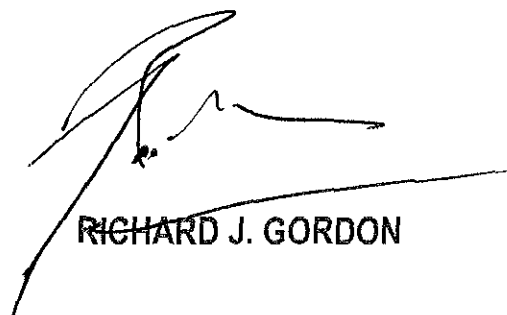
WHEREAS, the PCCAI headed by its Chairman and President, Dr. James G. Dy, and FCGCCI headed by its President, Mr. Florante Dy, along with Cong. Maria Evita "Ivy" Arago, paid a courtesy visit to Taipei Economic Cultural Office (TECO) Representative Donald C.T. Lee to personally express their gratitude for the TECO's assistance and support towards reducing the sentence of Alcaraz;

WHEREAS, these organizations acknowledged the significant contribution of TECO Ambassador Lee in advocating for the issuance by the Taiwanese government of clemency in Alcaraz's case;

WHEREAS, civil society organizations such as PCCAI and the FCGCCI serving the disadvantaged in such endeavors truly deserve recognition; *Now, therefore, be it:*

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Senate of the Philippines, to commend the Philippine Chinese Charitable Association, Inc. (PCCAI) and the Filipino-Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Inc. (FCGCCI) for their perseverance and unwavering support to the cause of releasing Filipina Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW) Nemencia "Cecille" Armia-Alcaraz from Death Row in Taiwan.

Adopted,



RICHARD J. GORDON