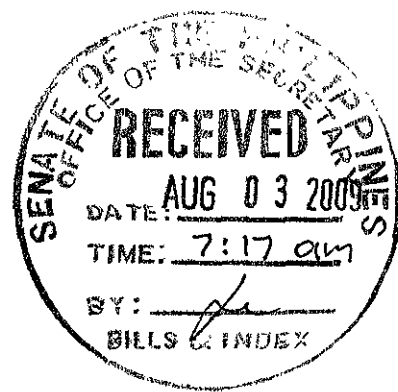


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Introduced by Senate President JUAN PONCE ENRILE

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**RESOLUTION**

**TO HONOR WITH HIGH REGARD AND GREAT RESPECT AS A WORTHY LEADER OF OUR PEOPLE MARIA CORAZON SUMULONG COJUANGCO AQUINO, THE 11TH PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**WHEREAS**, Maria Corazon Sumulong Cojuangco Aquino, popularly known as “Cory”, who became Asia’s first Female President and the eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) President of the Philippines, peacefully joined her Creator on the third hour of the first day of August 2009, the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, at the age of 76;

**WHEREAS**, she became the symbol of protest against tyranny and a beacon of hope for the restoration of democracy in the country after her husband, former senator Benigno S. Aquino Jr., was assassinated in 1983;

**WHEREAS**, opposition political leaders and millions of Filipinos rallied behind Mrs. Aquino when the Marcos dictatorship called for a snap presidential elections in 1986;

**WHEREAS**, she ushered in a new era of hope, freedom and renewal for our country when she took her oath as President of the Republic of the Philippines on February 25, 1986, and painstakingly worked hard to enact a new Constitution, restore Congress, reform the Judiciary and empower local government units;

**WHEREAS**, she played the key role in this nation’s struggle for freedom, restored democracy in our society and thus truly deserves the admiration, respect, gratitude and prayers of the Filipino people;

**WHEREAS**, as a private citizen after June 30, 1992, she remained a political and moral force and continued to serve the Filipino people through her advocacy of empowering the people, particularly the needy, through the Benigno S. Aquino Foundation, and through her generous support of charitable organizations;

**WHEREAS**, she was a recipient of prestigious international awards, the most notable of which are the 1986 Woman of the Year, Time Magazine; Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award; 1999 Time Magazine as One of the 20

Most Influential Asians of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century; 2006 Time Magazine Women's International Leadership Living Legacy Award, and the Martin Luther King Jr. Nonviolent Peace Prize;

**WHEREAS**, the passing away of former President Aquino, an icon of Philippine democracy, a loving wife, a caring mother, and God's gift to the Filipino people, has left the family she dearly loved and the nation she dearly served bereft of a shining exemplar of moral leadership, unwavering faith and dauntless courage;

**WHEREAS**, with deep sadness over her passing away, the Filipino nation together with the members of this august Chamber will forever be grateful to her for bringing back democracy and the freedom now being enjoyed by all: Now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED BY THE SENATE** to honor with high regard and great respect as a worthy leader of our people Maria Corazon Sumulong Cojuangco Aquino, the 11<sup>th</sup> President of the Republic of the Philippines, and to express the profound sympathy and sincere condolence of the Senate to her family on her death.

**RESOLVED FURTHER** that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the bereaved members of her family.

*Adopted,*

  
**JUAN PONCE ENRILE**  
*Senate President*