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Introduced by Senator Poe

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RESOLUTION

**HONORING THE NEWLY-CROWNED MISS INTERNATIONAL 2013 BEA ROSE MONTERDE SANTIAGO, BECOMING THE FIFTH FILIPINO WOMAN TO WIN THE PAGEANT, FURTHER ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINES AS A GLOBAL BEAUTY PAGEANT POWERHOUSE AND INSPIRING HER KABABAYANS STILL REELING FROM RECENT CALAMITIES**

Whereas, Miss International beauty pageant started in 1960, with the Philippines sending its official candidates to the global beauty contest 52 times;

Whereas, 23-year-old **BEA ROSE MONTERDE SANTIAGO** was declared the winner of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Miss International beauty contest held in Shinagawa Prince Hotel in Tokyo, Japan on December 17, besting 66 other international delegates;

Whereas, this is the fifth time that the Philippines took home the Miss International title after Gemma Cruz-Araneta—the first Filipino and first Asian—won the title in 1964, Aurora Pijuan in 1970, Melanie Marquez in 1979, and Precious Lara Quigaman in 2005;

Whereas, **BEA ROSE MONTERDE SANTIAGO** gave Filipinos—especially to thousands of Filipino families affected by the recent calamities—a reason to smile this Yuletide season as she bagged the Philippines' third major international beauty pageant victory this year after Mutya Johanna Fontiveros Datul won Miss Supranational 2013 in Belarus and Megan Lynne Young took home Miss World 2013 in Indonesia just in September;

Whereas, **BEA ROSE MONTERDE SANTIAGO** was born in Cataingan, Masbate but later moved to Canada with her family when she was a teenager where she studied Communications majoring in Public Relations at York University in Toronto and became an international ramp model under Elite Model Management;

Whereas, her win came just over a month after super Typhoon "Yolanda" (international name: "Haiyan") decimated several provinces in the Visayas and left about 7,000 dead and thousands homeless;

Whereas, the 5'9" stunner dedicated her quest to her *kababayans*, especially the survivors of the super typhoon, as she thanked the international community for the "camaraderie" and outpouring of support to the Philippines;

Whereas, **BEA ROSE MONTERDE SANTIAGO** promises to deliver and continue the message of hope and unity even in bleak situations and whatever calamities as long as Filipinos are together;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines join the Filipino nation in congratulating and commending Filipino beauty queen **BEA ROSE MONTERDE SANTIAGO** for snagging the Miss International 2013 title in the pageant's 53<sup>rd</sup> edition held in Tokyo, Japan on December 17, becoming the fifth Filipino woman to bring home the crown, further establishing the Philippines as a global beauty pageant powerhouse and inspiring her *kababayans* still reeling from recent calamities.

Adopted,

  
GRACE POE