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Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III

**A RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING VICTORIA TAULI-
CORPUZ FOR BEING NAMED AS UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL
RAPPORTEUR ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S RIGHTS**

WHEREAS, Ms. Victoria Tauli-Corpuz is a development consultant and an international indigenous activist. She was the former Chairperson of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues from 2005 to 2010;

WHEREAS, Ms. Tauli-Corpuz completed her nursing degree in the University of the Philippines - Philippine General Hospital School of Nursing in 1976;

WHEREAS, as an activist, she helped organize indigenous peoples in the community level to fight against the projects of then President Ferdinand Marcos. They succeeded in stopping the Chico River Hydroelectric Dam and the Cellophil Resources Corporation.¹ She was among those who lobbied for more than twenty (20) years before the United Nations (UN) General Assembly finally adopted the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) on September 13, 2007;

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2014, Ms. Tauli-Corpuz was named Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples by UN;

WHEREAS, Ms. Tauli-Corpuz is now in a position to assess the condition of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous peoples worldwide;

¹ International Union for Conservation of Nature. Retrieved from <https://portals.iucn.org/2012forum/?q=node/2251&q=node/2251>. Retrieved on March 10, 2014

WHEREAS, according to UN Human Rights Council President Boudelaire Ndong Ella, Ms. Tauli-Corpuz was chosen for the position because of her *“active involvement with United Nations and multi-stakeholder cross-regional bodies on indigenous issues and her past collaboration with and commitment to constructive engagement among governments and indigenous peoples”*;²

WHEREAS, Ms. Tauli-Corpuz, as Special Rapporteur, will conduct thematic research on issues relevant to the human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous peoples, visit countries to observe and hear about the challenges faced by indigenous peoples, and communicate with governments when human rights violations are alleged;

WHEREAS, Ms. Tauli-Corpuz proved that Filipinos can achieve great things if one is dedicated to an advocacy and can help people live in a more humane and harmonious society; and

WHEREAS, it is but fitting for Congress to recognize the work of Ms. Tauli-Corpuz for the indigenous people not just in the Philippines but in other parts of the world as well;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE TO CONGRATULATE AND COMMEND VICTORIA TAULI-CORPUZ FOR BEING NAMED AS THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLE’S RIGHTS.

Adopted,


AQUILINO “KOKO” PIMENTEL III

² Filipina activist named UN Special Rapporteur on indigenous peoples’ rights. Retrieved from <http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/story/351935/pinoyabroad/pinoyachievers/filipina-activist-named-un-special-rapporteur-on-indigenous-peoples-rights>. Retrieved on March 10, 2014