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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE DEEP SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCE OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE UNTIMELY DEMISE OF THE PHILIPPINE ENVOY TO PAKISTAN HON. DOMINGO LUCENARIO JR.

WHEREAS, Philippine Envoy to Pakistan Ambassador Domigo Lucenario Jr. was among the fatalities in a helicopter crash en route to an official function on May 8, 2015 at Naltar Valley in Pakistan;

WHEREAS, Hon. Lucenario was appointed as ambassador to Pakistan in 2012 with jurisdiction over Afghanistan, Kyrgzstan and Tajikistan;

WHEREAS, prior to his appointment to Pakistan, he also served as the Philippine Ambassador to Kenya and the Philippine non-resident envoy to Burundi, Comoros, Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi, Madagascar, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Uganda, Somalia and Tanzania, and he was the Philippine Permanent Representative to the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and the United Nations Human Settlements Program (UN Habitat);

WHEREAS, Ambassador Lucenario had a distinguished foreign service career among which were as Vice Consul/Legal Officer at the Philippine Consulate General in Hamburg, Germany (1986-1990), Charge/Third Secretary and Vice Consul at the Philippine Embassy, Berlin Office, Germany (1990-1992), as First Secretary and Consul at the Philippine Embassy in Canberra, Australia (1996-2000), as Consul at the Philippine Consulate General in Hong Kong SAR (2000-2004), and as Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs (2005-2009);

WHEREAS, Ambassador Lucenario was noted for his work as Project Manager of the Philippine Machine Readable/E-Passport Program which allowed for Filipinos to travel internationally with relative ease in haste;

WHEREAS, Ambassador Lucenario successfully handled several other special projects and positions in the Department of Foreign Affairs among which are as Chairman of the National Committee on Illegal Entrants (NCIE), Chairman of the Inter-Agency Committee on Passport Irregularities (ICPI), Assistant Secretary General of the National Organizing Committee on the ASEAN Summit of 2007, the Global Forum on Migration and Development of 2008 and the Special Ministerial Meeting on the Non-Aligned Movement in 2009;

WHEREAS, Ambassador Lucenario is the only Filipino career diplomat who had the rare distinction of having been awarded by the President of the Philippines with three (3) major Presidential Awards for his exceptional and

meritorious stint in foreign service, namely: the Order of Sikatuna Award with the rank of Datu (Gold level) in 2009, the Order of Lakandula Award with the rank of Grand Officer (Maringal na Pinuno) in 2008, and the Gawad Mabini Award with the rank of Grand Officer (Dakilang Kamanong) in 2008;

WHEREAS, Ambassador Lucenario earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, magna cum laude, from Manuel L. Quezon University thereafter obtained his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1984 from San Beda College;

WHEREAS, Ambassador Lucenario had a Master of Laws degree from the University of Manila, and a Diploma in international Relations from the Deutche Stiftung fur Internationale Entwicklung (DSE) in Berlin, Germany

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines joins the nation and his family in mourning for the loss of the distinguished career diplomat;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, by the Senate of the Philippines to express its deep sympathy and sincere condolence on the untimely demise of the Philippine envoy to Pakistan Hon. Domingo Lucenario Jr.

Adopted,

MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID