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RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE UNTIMELY DEMISE OF HON. DOMINGO D. LUCENARIO JR., THE PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN

WHEREAS, on 09 May 2015, news¹ broke out reporting the untimely death of Philippine Ambassador to Pakistan Hon. Domingo D. Lucenario Jr. in a helicopter crash at the Naltar Valley in Gilgit region of northern Pakistan last 08 May 2015;

WHEREAS, reports show that the MI-17 helicopter, which carried eleven (11) foreigners, including Hon. Lucenario Jr., and six (6) Pakistani passengers was part of a three-day excursion trip together with three (3) other helicopters;

WHEREAS, Hon. Lucenario Jr., was among the six (6) other passengers who was killed during the helicopter crash;

WHEREAS, the cause of the helicopter crash is currently being investigated whether it was indeed due to mechanical failure or a planned attack by the Pakistani Taliban targeting the Prime Minister of Pakistan, who was riding in a separate helicopter at the time;

WHEREAS, Hon. Lucenario Jr. obtained his law degree at San Beda College of Law, where he was given recognition as an outstanding alumnus, and graduated *magna cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science degree in Manuel L. Quezon University;

WHEREAS, he also holds Master of Laws degree from University of Manila and a diploma in international relations from Deutsche Stiftung fur International Entwicklung in Berlin, Germany;

WHEREAS, Hon. Lucenario Jr. served the government for more than twenty five (25) years and in different capacities, including assignments in Germany, Hong Kong, Australia, and as former Philippine ambassador to Kenya with concurrent jurisdiction to twelve (12) African nations;

WHEREAS, he also served as deputy chief of presidential protocol under the Ramos administration and was the Philippine permanent representative to the UN Environment Program and the UN Human Settlements Program;

WHEREAS, Hon. Lucenario Jr. holds the distinction of being one of the country's outstanding career diplomats, having been awarded with thee (3) major Presidential

¹ Sources:
Calleja, Niña. "DFA mourns death of career diplomat." *Philippine Daily Inquirer*. 09 May 2015: A10. Print.
Calleja, Niña. "PH envoy killed in Pakistas crash." *Philippine Daily Inquirer*. 09 May 2015: A1 and A10. Print.
Alimario, Anjo. "Philippine ambassador dies in Pakistan helicopter crash." *CNN Philippines*. 09 May 2015. Web. 11 May 2015.

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

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines deplors any and all acts of terrorism if it turns out that indeed the helicopter crash was due to a planned attack conducted by the Pakistani Taliban as they claimed;

WHEREAS, Hon. Lucenario's untimely demise, without a doubt, an immense loss to us, and the Senate of the Philippines joins the nation and his family in their moment of mourning for the loss of a distinguished public servant whose life;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines express its profound condolences on the untimely demise of Philippine Ambassador to Pakistan Hon. Domingo D. Lucenario Jr.;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of Hon. Lucenario Jr.;

Adopted,


CYNTHIA A. VILLAR