

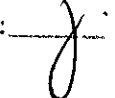
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RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING BENEDICTINE NUN SR.
STELLA MATUTINA FOR BEING ACCORDED THE 2015 WEIMAR AWARD
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has, on several occasions, paid tribute to outstanding Filipinos for bringing home pride and glory to the country for their excellence in their respective fields;

WHEREAS, Benedictine nun Sr. Stella Matutina was accorded the 2015 Weimar Award for Human Rights by the German city of Weimar in recognition of her campaign to protect farmers, fisherfolk and indigenous people against mining in Mindanao;

WHEREAS, for 20 years now, the Weimar Award recognizes people who are "engaged in the freedom and equality of all human beings, the prevention and condemnation of genocide, the right to free speech of individuals to free information, the participation of human beings in the public affairs of their states, the right of assembly and the right of organization as well as the implementation of free, secret and regularly recurring elections, the respect and preservation of political, ethnic, cultural and religious rights of minorities."

WHEREAS, the city council of Weimer said in a statement that Sr. Stella Matutina "engages herself extraordinarily for the rights of the native population, despite being exposed to permanent threats to her safety due to her engagement,";

WHEREAS, this outstanding achievement by the Filipina nun deserves to be commended for the honor and recognition she has brought to our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and commend Filipina Benedictine nun Sr. Stella Matutina for being accorded the 2015 Weimar Award for Human Rights.

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID