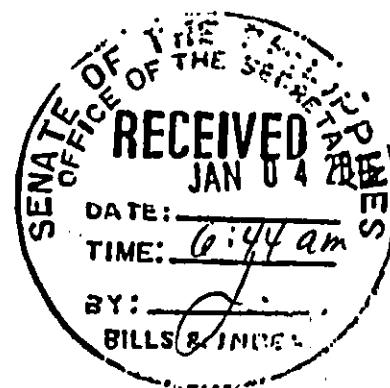


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SENATE

P.S. Res No. 1699

Introduced by Senate President Franklin M. Drilon

RESOLUTION

**EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE
CONDOLENCE OF THE SENATE ON THE DEATH OF LETTY JIMENEZ-
MAGSANOC, EDITOR IN CHIEF OF THE PHILIPPINE DAILY
INQUIRER**

1 WHEREAS, Letty Jimenez-Magsanoc, an esteemed journalist and the
2 longest serving editor in chief of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, passed
3 away on 24 December 2015;

4 WHEREAS, Jimenez-Magsanoc stood as a prominent sentinel of
5 press freedom who actively resisted any form of undue suppression in
6 journalism and bravely wielded her pen to expose the truth, despite the
7 perils of such a courageous stance under a dictatorship that adhered to a
8 policy of severe censorship;

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10 WHEREAS, her fearlessness inspired colleagues in the profession
11 whose collective efforts set off a series of events that precipitated the
12 country's freedom from the clutches of a dictatorial government;

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14 WHEREAS, her career blossomed and spanned several decades as
15 she took on various roles in the field of journalism as a writer for the
16 Manila Bulletin in 1969, editor of the Philippine Panorama (1976-1981),
17 editor of the Mr & Ms Special Edition (1983-1986), co-founder of the
18 Philippine Daily Inquirer (1985), editor of the Sunday Inquirer Magazine
19 (1986-1987), and editor in chief of the Philippine Daily Inquirer (1991-
20 2015);

21 WHEREAS, her remarkable contribution to the profession merited
22 numerous awards and citations, among which are the "Ten Outstanding
23 Women of the New Society" (1981), Honor Medal for Distinguished
24 Service in Journalism, University of Missouri (1993), "The Star of Asia",
25 Business Week International Magazine (2000), "Marcelo del Pilar

1 Journalism Award for Print", Rotary Club of Manila (2000), "60 Years of
2 Asian Heroes", Time Magazine International (2006), and "Journalist of the
3 Year", 19th Rotary Club of Manila Journalism Awards (2015);

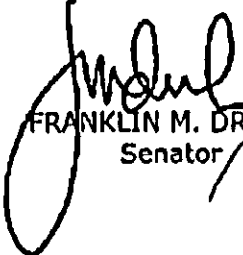
4 WHEREAS, her commitment to responsible, complete and fair
5 reporting, regardless of the risks and hazards such vow entails, cultivated
6 higher ethical standards in the field of journalism and fostered a steadfast
7 pursuit for the truth;

8 WHEREAS, the Members of this august Chamber join the nation in
9 mourning the death of Jimenez-Magsanoc, the distinguished editor in
10 chief of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, a resolute leader and a generous
11 mentor to her colleagues in the profession: *Now, therefore, be it*

12 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, To express, as it hereby expresses, its
13 profound sympathy and sincere condolence on the death of Letty
14 Jimenez-Magsanoc, editor in chief of the Philippine Daily Inquirer.

15 RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished the
16 bereaved family of Letty Jimenez-Magsanoc.

Adopted,


FRANKLIN M. DRILON
Senator