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A RESOLUTION HONORING AND REMEMBERING LETICIA "LETTY" JIMENEZ-MAGSANOC FOR HER INVALUABLE SERVICES TO THE FILIPINO PEOPLE

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has, on several occasions, paid its respects to remarkable Filipinos for their outstanding legacy and service to the people;

WHEREAS, journalist, Leticia "Letty" Jimenez-Magsanoc, editor-in-chief of the *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, an EDSA icon, joined our creator on December 24, 2015, at the age of 74;

WHEREAS, Letty Jimenez-Magsanoc was the editor of *Panorama*, the Sunday magazine of the *Manila Bulletin*, when she was named as one of the 1981 Ten Outstanding Women of the New Society. However, five months after such distinction, she was forced to resign after writing an article perceived as critical of the Martial Law regime. This forced resignation caused outrage from members of the media. Notable for her role in overthrowing the dictatorship, Letty Jimenez-Magsanoc was named as one of the 60 Asian Heroes in 2006 by *Time* magazine. She was also awarded by the University of Missouri with the Honor Medal for Distinguished Service in Journalism;

WHEREAS, Letty Jimenez-Magsanoc's contribution to the field of journalism in the Philippines reached its pinnacle when she became editor-in-chief of the *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, a publication of general circulation in the country. She shall continue her legacy of keeping the

fire of freedom of the press burning through all of the journalists she nurtured under her tutelage;

WHEREAS, the late Letty Jimenez-Magsanoc will always be remembered as the fearless journalist who fought for the exercise of free speech regardless of who occupied the highest position of the land. Her passing is a great loss not only to the bereaved family and the community of journalists but to the entire Filipino nation as well. May we, Filipinos, remember her words, "only the people can free themselves; the media cannot do it for them";

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE, TO HONOR AND REMEMBER LETICIA "LETTY" JIMENEZ-MAGSANOC FOR HER INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE FILIPINO PEOPLE.

Adopted,

AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III