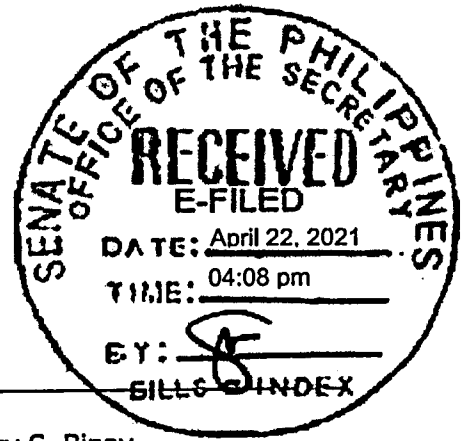


**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE)
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
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**SENATE
P. S. Res No. 706**



Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

RESOLUTION

**COMMENDING ANA PATRICIA NON FOR PIONEERING THE MAGINHAWA
COMMUNITY PANTRY AND INSPIRING OTHER PEOPLE TO SET UP THEIR
OWN COMMUNITY PANTRIES TO HELP THEIR COUNTRYMEN IN NEED
DURING THE UNPRECEDENTED TIME OF CRISIS CAUSED BY THE
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC**

1 WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has caused
2 unprecedented health and socio-economic crisis in the country and continues to pose
3 serious threats to the health, safety, security and livelihood of Filipinos;

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5 WHEREAS, as lockdowns are still in place due to the rising daily count of COVID-
6 19 cases, the struggle to put food on the table has been hard for many whose incomes
7 are compromised;

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9 WHEREAS, Ana Patricia Non is recognized for setting up the first community
10 pantry in Maginhawa, Quezon City to help ease the hunger of Filipinos going through
11 difficult times;

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13 WHEREAS, the pantry is born out of Non's concern for families who are having
14 a hard time making ends meet under quarantine restrictions. It is a mutual aid initiative
15 sustained by locals where anyone can donate basic goods, from canned goods to
16 vegetables, and get what they need in return;

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18 WHEREAS, through a public Facebook post, she announced that a community
19 pantry is stationed in front of a convenience store where it is accessible to residents
20 located in Krus na Ligas, UP Village, San Vicente, Teacher's Village, Sikatuna, and
21 Bliss;

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23 WHEREAS, the project had gone viral across all social media platforms and
24 hundreds of Filipinos had signified their willingness to help. The pantry project has
25 become an inspiration to various communities all over the country;

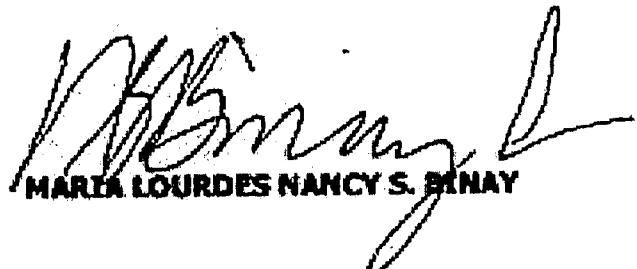
1 WHEREAS, as of April 21, 2021, over 300 similar donation-driven efforts have
2 popped up across the Philippines. Variations such as pantries for pets have also
3 appeared¹;

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5 WHEREAS, it was reported that the emergence of community pantries has been
6 lauded by many and called it a good virus across the country and dubbed it as the
7 clearest and most tangible signs of hope in the midst of the hopelessness brought
8 about by this pandemic²;

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10 WHEREAS, the community pantry is an ordinary citizen's way of taking action
11 in the face of a crisis, a form of collective response by the people when institutions
12 fall short in providing aid and Ana Patricia Non is truly an inspiration and a model to
13 the young ones and the nation in general. Thus, it is just proper to recognize her
14 efforts for her significant contributions to the welfare of the Filipino people and the
15 country;

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17 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE
18 SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, to commend Ana Patricia Non for pioneering the
19 Maginhawa Community Pantry and Inspiring other people to set up their own
20 community pantries to help their countrymen in need during the unprecedented time
21 of crisis caused by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

Adopted,



MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY

¹ Regine Cabato, Community pantries offer reprieve from covid-19 hardships in the Philippines, The Washington Post, April 21, 2021, https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/philippines-pantries-covid-pandemic/2021/04/21/30ad8a5c-a1ac-11eb-b314-2e993bd83e31_story.html.

² Communities Set Up Pantries Across The Philippines In Just A Few Days, Showcasing Our Neighborly Spirit, TheSmartLocal Philippines, April 19, 2021, <https://thesmartlocal.com/philippines/community-pantries/>.