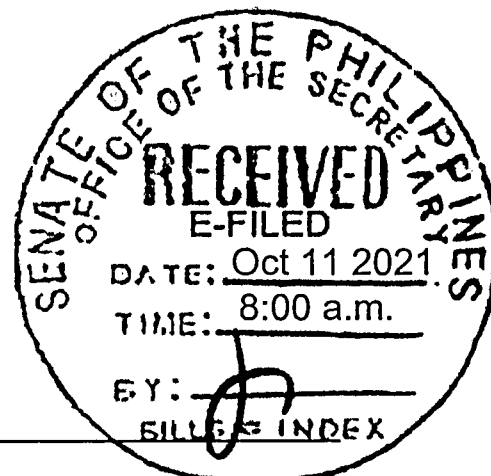


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Introduced by **Senator Richard J. Gordon**

## RESOLUTION

### **CONFERMENT OF HIGH ACCLAMATION TO MARIA ANGELITA RESSA FOR HER HISTORIC FEAT AS THE FIRST (1<sup>ST</sup>) FILIPINO LAUREATE OF THE 2021 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE, CHAMPIONING THE UNIMPEDED EXERCISE OF THE CONSTITUTIONALLY GUARANTEED FREEDOMS OF EXPRESSION AND OF THE PRESS, AND DAUNTLESSLY EXPOSING THE TRUTH TO DEMAND TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**WHEREAS**, on 08 October 2021, the Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded Maria Angelita Ressa with the prestigious Nobel Peace Prize for her courageous efforts to safeguard the freedom of expression in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, the Nobel Peace Prize is the most coveted award that is granted annually to a meticulously selected individual who shall have "*conferred the greatest benefit on mankind*" during the preceding year. This historic feat is a first for an individual Filipino nominee since the first Nobel Prize was awarded in 1901 and a first for journalists since the Nobel Peace Prize of 1935;

**WHEREAS**, the Norwegian Nobel Committee described Maria Angelita Ressa as a fearless defender of the freedom of expression and a representative of all journalists who stand up for this ideal in a world where democracy and freedom of the press face increasingly adverse conditions;

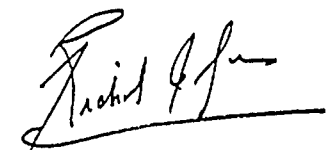
**WHEREAS**, the Noble Peace Prize affirms the quality of Maria Angelita Ressa as a woman of courage who is grounded by her strong core values and principles in the pursuit of the free exercise of expression. Her staunch defiance of the attempts to assault the defenders of the freedom of expression and of the press emboldens the heart and minds of Filipinos to be similarly unfazed in standing up against tyranny and corruption.

**WHEREAS**, the Nobel Peace Prize recognized the proven track record, spanning three decades, of Maria Angelita Ressa who exercised to the full extent, without fear or favor, the constitutionally guaranteed freedom of expression and of the press in the furtherance of truth. Despite the constant challenges posed against her liberty and integrity as a journalist, she was steadfast in her professional commitment to demand transparency and accountability from public servants;

**WHEREAS,** the international recognition accorded to Maria Angelita Ressa serves both as an inspiration to journalists and a beacon of hope to ordinary citizens, that amidst the floods of misinformation and a conscious effort to mislead, the truth will always emerge by the hands of bold and undaunted members of the society;

**NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Senate of the Philippines to confer upon Maria Angelita Ressa the highest of praises for being the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Filipino to receive the prestigious 2021 Nobel Peace Prize, her courageous exercise of the freedoms of expression and of the press, and the undaunted efforts to enlighten the Filipino people and the world on the truths about the Philippines that are consciously distorted.

*Adopted,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard J. Gordon", written over a horizontal line.

**RICHARD J. GORDON**  
Senator