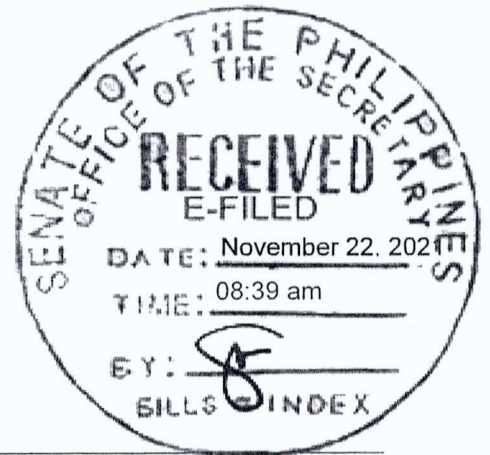


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Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

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**RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S CLUBS OF THE PHILIPPINES (NFWCP) ON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY, RECOGNIZING ITS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION IN PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF WOMEN IN THE COUNTRY, AND COMMENDING THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND NATION-BUILDING**

1 WHEREAS, on February 5, 2021 upon the call of the Manila Women’s Club,  
2 three hundred (300) organized women’s clubs representing the resolve, courage and  
3 services of thousands of Filipino women, united in a national convention and formed  
4 the National Federation of Women’s Clubs (NFWC)<sup>1</sup>;

5 WHEREAS, as the umbrella association of women’s clubs across the country,  
6 the NFWC guided and advised its affiliate organizations in carrying out their early  
7 programs, mainly on social welfare, and pursued projects for the “betterment of the  
8 community and upliftment of the less fortunate;”

9 WHEREAS, among the many important contributions of the federation and its  
10 founders were the pioneering work on the establishment of a network of puericulture  
11 centers in their respective towns, which laid the foundation for today’s municipal  
12 health and maternity care centers;

13 WHEREAS, the federation founders led and became the principal figures in the  
14 nationwide campaign for the attainment of Filipino women’s right to suffrage, which  
15 culminated with President Manuel Quezon signing the law that granted Filipino women

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<sup>1</sup> “National Federation of Women’s Clubs: A Legacy of Hope and Triumph.” 2010.

1 the right to vote on September 15, 1937. The law was signed in the presence of NFWC  
2 ladies, including the First Lady and then federation Honorary President Aurora Aragon-  
3 Quezon, in recognition of their intensive efforts and pivotal role in mobilizing  
4 grassroots support, and steadfastness in promoting women suffrage;

5 WHEREAS, their work in improving the condition of female prisoners led to the  
6 establishment of Correctional Institution for Women and the appointment of women  
7 warden and police officers in the 1930s;

8 WHEREAS, the federation espoused landmark projects in the education sector,  
9 as it spearheaded the Adult Literacy Program which was later adopted by the Philippine  
10 government through the Department of Education, and started soup kitchens and  
11 early childhood education which later evolved into the present-day nursery schools,  
12 day care centers and student feeding programs;

13 WHEREAS, NFWC instilled into the girls and young women the principles of  
14 leadership, character development and social responsibility through the setting up of  
15 Girl Scouts of the Philippines and the celebration of National Girls' Week;

16 WHEREAS, NFWC is behind many laudable initiatives benefit many sectors of  
17 the society, including the establishment of Home for the Aged, the celebration of  
18 Consumer Protection Week, and the banning of sale of liquor within fifty (50) meters  
19 of any school or church;

20 WHEREAS, over the years, the Federation remained a dynamic organization  
21 which empowered women and responded to pressing social issues and national  
22 concerns. It has also grown in influence and membership, that at one point in its  
23 storied history, it was composed of 380,000 members who belonged to 1,235 women's  
24 clubs and 48 provincial federations in the country;

25 WHEREAS, its roster of female leaders, officers and members became role  
26 models of exemplary service, patriotism and positive Filipino values, whom the  
27 younger generation can look up to and emulate. To name a few of its celebrated and  
28 eminent members: Geronima Pecson, the first elected woman Senator; Trinidad F.  
29 Legarda, the first woman Ambassador; Elisa Ochoa, the first elected Congresswoman;  
30 and Josefa Llanes – Escoda, the first Filipino heroine;

31 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to  
32 congratulate the National Federation of Women's Clubs of the Philippines (NFWCP) on

- 1 the celebration of its centennial anniversary, recognizing its invaluable contribution in
- 2 promoting the welfare of women in the country, and commending their
- 3 accomplishments in social development and nation-building.

*Adopted,*

  
**RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.**