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RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO SWISS PROFESSOR
KERSTIN NOËLLE GORRA-VOKINGER FOR WINNING THE SWISS SCIENCE
PRIZE LATSIS FOR HER WORK ON CANCER MEDICINE ACCESS

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has, on several occasions, give recognition and commendation to outstanding Filipinos for their exceptional feats of bringing honor, pride and glory to the country by garnering prestigious awards;

WHEREAS, Swiss Science Prize Latsis – formerly National Latsis Prize – recognizes researchers up to the age of 40 for outstanding achievements in basic science annually since 1983. The awardees - distinguished by their high degrees of independence and scientific quality of work - are chosen in a selection procedure run by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF). The 2022 prize is awarded in the field of humanities and social sciences;

WHEREAS, Filipino-Swiss professor Kerstin Noëlle Gorra - Vokinger has won the prestigious Swiss Science Prize Latsis for her work to make cancer treatments more accessible;

WHEREAS, Kerstin's research examined the fairness of cost for cancer medicines, "personalized medicine, and the regulation of innovative technologies", which could help improve access to drugs and new treatments;

WHEREAS, Kerstin traces her Filipino heritage from Cagayan de Oro in Mindanao;

WHEREAS, Kerstin is a law and medicine professor at the University of Zurich, a faculty associate at Harvard University, and an affiliated faculty at Harvard Medical School. Kertsin is a medical doctor, a Juris Doctor, holds a doctorate degrees in

Biomedical Ethics and Law, and has a master's degree in law from the Harvard University Law School;

WHEREAS, the recognition is a great honor of bringing the Filipino pride to the global arena; hence, worthy of commendation for serving as an inspiration to the world and Philippine scientific community. Her win is a genuine motivation to accelerate efforts in developing solutions to improve society's access to medicine and innovative technologies with high therapeutic value particularly in poor countries;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to congratulate and commend Filipino Swiss Professor Kerstin Noëlle Gorra-Vokinger for winning the Swiss Science Prize Latsis for her work on Cancer Medicine Access.

Adopted,


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.