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RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE LOREN LEGARDA FOR BEING ONE OF THE 2022 ASEAN BIODIVERSITY HEROES

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines recognizes and acknowledges the exemplary courage and bravery of those on the frontlines who continue to fulfill their duties despite imminent danger, risking their own lives in bringing service to the Filipino;

WHEREAS, Article 11, Section 16 of the 1987 Constitution emphasizes that "The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature";

WHEREAS, the ASEAN Biodiversity Heroes, started in 2017, is a flagship programme of the ASEAN to showcase the impactful actions of environmental champions to inspire more people to stand up for biodiversity;

WHEREAS, The ASEAN Biodiversity Heroes were selected "based on the relevance of their contributions to biodiversity conservation, the impact of these contributions to biodiversity conservation efforts in their respective countries and the region, the replicability of their actions, and the recognition they received in communities where they belong";

WHEREAS, the 2022 ASEAN Biodiversity Heroes are recognized for their demonstration of genuine concern about environmental issues and of rising to the challenges of curbing biodiversity losses. The modern-day heroes took concrete actions to implement exemplary initiatives to promote the conservation of biodiversity in the region;

WHEREAS, Senate President Pro Tempore Loren Legarda, a long-time advocate of environmental protection and a champion of green development, is one of the the 2nd ASEAN Biodiversity Heroes awardees;

WHEREAS, Senator Loren shared the distinction with Liaw Lin Ji (Brunei), Chak Sokhavicheaboth (Cambodia), Dr. Anhar Lubis, Coordinator (Indonesia), Khamphay Xayyalad, Manager (Lao PDR), Prof. Ibrahim Bin Komoo (Malaysia), Nay Win Swe, (Myanmar), Prof Chou Loke Ming, (Singapore) and Prof. Suchana Chavanich (Thailand);

WHEREAS, Senator Loren is a staunch environmentalist and climate change advocate. She has championed the legislation of significant environmental laws: the Environmental Awareness Education Act of 2008; the Philippine Climate Change Act of 2009; and the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010, among others, which were hailed by the United Nations as among the world's best laws on climate and disaster resilience;

WHEREAS, Senator Loren, a veteran and top-notch legislator, has dedicated her time and energy to serve the Filipino nation. She has advocated for laws that promote the equitable and sustainable use of natural resources; advance community resilience, social justice, peace and cultural diversity; and access to quality education, decent employment and livelihood;

WHEREAS, Senator Loren is equally acknowledged by numerous global recognitions, such as the Global Leader for Tomorrow given by the World Economic Forum (WEF). She is also a United Nations Environment Programme Laureate, and the Global Ambassador for Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change, and Environment of the Women Political Leaders;

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines commend its true eco-champion, Senate President Pro Tempore Loren Legarda, "for her dedication, great passion, immense works, and meaningful contributions through many ways and for manifesting concrete and consistent actions toward biodiversity conservation."

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to recognize and honor Senate President Pro Tempore Loren Legarda for being one of the 2022 Asean Biodiversity Heroes.

Adopted,


RAMON BONG REVILLA JR.