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SENATE

P. S. RES. NO. 457

Introduced by Senator JOEL VILLANUEVA

RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MARIA LUISA VARELA
FOR WINNING THE MISS PLANET INTERNATIONAL PAGEANT

WHEREAS, Maria Luisa Varela, a 26-year-old entrepreneur and beauty queen from Navotas City, was crowned the winner of the Miss Planet International pageant held on 29 January 2023 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia;¹

WHEREAS, besting 13 other contestants, Maria Luisa Varela became the first Filipina to win the young international pageant which aims to pursue the fulfillment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals;²

WHEREAS, during the pageant's speech round, Maria Luisa Varela impressed the judges with her advocacy to promote the preservation of nature and environment, climate action, and education, as she shared that experiencing flood, poverty, and lack of educational opportunity in her city made her join the pageant;³

WHEREAS, the Filipina beauty queen's call "to act now and talk less" to save the planet and for everyone to be a beacon of hope not only

¹ Rappler. Philippines' Maria Luisa Varela wins Miss Planet International. 31 January 2023. Available at <https://www.rappler.com/entertainment/pageants/philippines-maria-luisa-varela-wins-miss-planet-international-2023/>. Accessed on 01 February 2023.

² Inquirer.net. PH's Maria Luisa Varela is Miss Planet. 31 January 2023. Available at <https://entertainment.inquirer.net/483734/phs-maria-luisa-varela-is-miss-planet>. Accessed on 01 February 2023.

³ Ibid.

makes her the perfect ambassador of the Miss Planet International organization, it also presents a positive example and great inspiration to her countrymen, particularly the youth;

WHEREAS, Maria Luisa Varela has brought great pride, honor, and glory to the country and the Filipino people, worthy of praise and commendation of this august Chamber;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, to congratulate and commend Maria Luisa Varela for winning the Miss Planet International pageant.

Adopted,


JOEL VILLANUEVA 