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Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

RESOLUTION

**EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES
ON THE DEATH OF WRITER AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS ADVOCATE, LUALHATI
TORRES BAUTISTA**

WHEREAS, Lualhati Torres Bautista, a renowned Filipina writer, has succumbed to death on February 12, 2023 at the age of 77;

WHEREAS, Lualhati Bautista, is born in Tondo, Manila, and an activist known for her works helming social realism and women's issues, with compelling female leads who challenge difficult situations at home and in their workplace with remarkable strength;

WHEREAS, Lualhati Bautista won the grand prize for the novel in Filipino at the Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature for "*Gapo* (1980)", "*Dekada 70* (1983)" and "*Bata, Bata, Pa'no Ka Ginawa* (1984)";

WHEREAS, Lualhati Bautista has also wrote screenplays for the critically-acclaimed films "*Sakada* (1976)," "*Kung Mahawi Man ang Ulap* (1984)," and "*Bulaklak ng City Jail* (1984)";

WHEREAS, Lualhati Bautista published her first work, "*Katugon ng Damdamin* (1963)" in Liwayway Magazine, the country's longest running magazine in Filipino which brought literature to the masses;

WHEREAS, Lualhati Bautista was offered by the prestigious Penguin Classics to publish the English translation of "*Dekada 70*" internationally. She will be the first Filipina and first work in Filipino to be featured in Penguin Classics;

WHEREAS, the whole nation mourns the loss of one of its leading writers whose advocacies are beyond reproach with the intent to advance social consciousness on women's rights. Lualhati Torres Bautista is a par excellence novelist and widely considered as one of the writers yet to be declared as National Artist for Literature – who has excellently narrated women empowerment that has inspired a generation of Filipino advocates;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to express sincere condolences of the Senate of the Philippines on the death of writer and women's rights advocate, Lualhati Torres Bautista.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of the late Lualhati Torres Bautista.

Adopted,


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.