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S. Ct. RES. NO. 9

Introduced by Senator JOEL VILLANUEVA

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION  
GRANTING CONSENT TO SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE  
LOREN LEGARDA TO ACCEPT THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST  
ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN) BIODIVERSITY HEROES AWARD  
CONFERRED UPON HER BY THE ASEAN**

**WHEREAS**, Senate President Pro Tempore Loren Legarda is known as a long-time advocate of environmental protection and a champion of green development;

**WHEREAS**, she has authored numerous environmental laws, including the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act, Philippine Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Renewable Energy Act, Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act, and the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act, among other measures;

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, Senator Legarda sponsored the Philippines' concurrence in ratifying the Paris Agreement, an international climate change treaty adopted in 2015 by members of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), as former Chairperson of the Subcommittee on Paris Agreement under the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations;

**WHEREAS**, she also leads the Philippines into assenting the High Ambition Coalition (HAC) for Nature and People, which aims to protect at least 30% of the world's land and ocean by the year 2030;

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) initiated the ASEAN Biodiversity Heroes Award. It is one of the commemorative activities for the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ASEAN and the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ASEAN Center for Biodiversity (ACB);

**WHEREAS**, the ASEAN Biodiversity Heroes Award is a flagship initiative of the ASEAN supported by the European Union through the Biodiversity Conservation and Management of Protected Areas in ASEAN (BCAMP) project and Metro Pacific Investments Corporation (MPIC);

**WHEREAS**, the award was designated to recognize individuals from ASEAN member states who contribute significantly to biodiversity conservation in their countries and the region, raise awareness about biodiversity, and support ASEAN's vision of "One Community;"

**WHEREAS**, Senator Legarda was conferred with the ASEAN Biodiversity Heroes for the Philippines for her significant contributions to biodiversity efforts in the country;

**WHEREAS**, aside from Senator Legarda, the award was also conferred to nominees from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, and Thailand for their outstanding achievements in biodiversity;

**WHEREAS**, Article IX-B, Section 8 of the Constitution provides that "No elective or appointive public officer or employee shall receive additional, double, or indirect compensation unless specifically authorized by law, nor accept without the consent of the Congress, any present, emolument, office, or title of any kind from any foreign government";

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING**, to grant consent to the acceptance by the Honorable Senator Loren Legarda of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Biodiversity Hero Award conferred upon her by the ASEAN.

*Adopted,*

  
JOEL VILLANUEVA