



S E N A T E

S. Ct. Res. No. 9

(taking into consideration Proposed Senate Res. No. 442)

INTRODUCED BY SENATORS VILLANUEVA, ANGARA, BINAY, CAYETANO  
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PIMENTEL III, POE, REVILLA JR., TOLENTINO, TULFO, VILLAR M.,  
VILLAR C. AND ZUBIRI

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

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

5           WHEREAS, she has authored numerous environmental  
6 laws, including the Ecological Solid Waste Management  
7 Act, Philippine Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Renewable

1 Energy Act, Wildlife Resources Conservation and  
2 Protection Act, and the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction  
3 and Management Act, among other measures;

4 WHEREAS, on March 2017, Senator Legarda  
5 sponsored the Senate's concurrence in the Philippine  
6 accession to the Paris Agreement, an international climate  
7 change treaty adopted in 2015 by members of the United  
8 Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change  
9 (UNFCCC);

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

14 WHEREAS, the Association of Southeast Asian  
15 Nations (ASEAN) launched the ASEAN Biodiversity  
16 Heroes Awards in 2017 to recognize outstanding  
17 individuals from the ASEAN Member States who have  
18 contributed significantly to biodiversity conservation and  
19 advocacy efforts in their respective countries and the

1 region, to promote awareness of the value of biodiversity,  
2 and to support ASEAN’s vision of “One Community”;

3 WHEREAS, since its inception, the ASEAN  
4 Biodiversity Heroes Awards has been supported by the  
5 European Union through the Biodiversity Conservation  
6 and Management of Protected Areas in ASEAN (BCAMP)  
7 project. For 2022, the ASEAN partnered with Metro Pacific  
8 Investments Corporation (MPIC) and included the awards  
9 as one of the commemorative activities for the 55<sup>th</sup>  
10 anniversary of the ASEAN and the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the  
11 ASEAN Center for Biodiversity;

12 WHEREAS, Senator Legarda was conferred the  
13 ASEAN Biodiversity Hero Award for being a multifaceted  
14 eco-warrior who champions the environment in the media  
15 and legislative arenas;

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

1           WHEREAS, Article IX-B, Section 8 of the Constitution  
2 provides that “No elective or appointive public officer or  
3 employee shall receive additional, double, or indirect  
4 compensation, unless specifically authorized by law, nor  
5 accept without the consent of the Congress, any present,  
6 emolument, office, or title of any kind from any foreign  
7 government”: Now, therefore, be it

8           *Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives*  
9 *concurring*, To grant consent to the acceptance by the  
10 Honorable Senator Loren Legarda of the Association of  
11 Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Biodiversity Hero  
12 Award conferred upon her by the ASEAN.

Adopted,