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**RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE MEMORY OF FORMER SECRETARY ALBERT DEL ROSARIO SR. AND HIS WORK THAT GAVE THE PHILIPPINES ITS LANDMARK VICTORY AGAINST CHINA IN THE PERMANENT COURT OF ARBITRATION IN THE HAGUE**

**WHEREAS**, on April 18, 2023, Former Foreign Affairs Secretary Albert del Rosario Sr. died at the age of 83;

**WHEREAS**, Former Secretary del Rosario Sr. was known for being a consummate and hands-on diplomat, mild-mannered but firm, who represented the country with utmost grace, honor and dignity;

**WHEREAS**, del Rosario was known for defending the national interest – whether it be the interest of scores of overseas Filipino workers finding themselves in situations of distress in other countries, or the country’s security interests vis a vis foreign aggression;

**WHEREAS**, del Rosario will be remembered most for being at the helm of the Philippine victory in the Hague, where the 2016 Arbitral Award by the Permanent Court of Arbitration reaffirmed our legitimate rights in the West Philippine Sea and asserted baseline principles of the United Nations Convention of the Law of the Seas (UNCLOS);

**WHEREAS**, this ruling has earned its place in the annals of international law, and has shown the world that a country like the Philippines can assert and protect its rights over its territory and resources, even in the face of conflicting claims from a global giant like China;

**WHEREAS**, del Rosario has given humankind, in the words of retired Sr Assoc Justice Antonio Carpio, the largest award of the global commons in the history of the UNCLOS.

**WHEREAS**, aside from being a tenacious and wise diplomat, del Rosario was also a public servant of untarnished integrity and moral certitude, even refusing an order from an incumbent Head of State because it compromised his principles;

**WHEREAS**, del Rosario's legacy will live on, not only in his body of work, but in our continued commitment as a people to stand up to aggressors and to defend our sovereignty;

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF FORMER SECRETARY ALBERT DEL ROSARIO SR. AND HIS WORK THAT GAVE THE PHILIPPINES ITS LANDMARK VICTORY AGAINST CHINA IN THE PERMANENT COURT OF ARBITRATION IN THE HAGUE.**

*Adopted,*

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