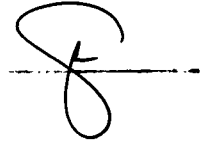


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RESOLUTION

**COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING FILIPINA PEACE NEGOTIATOR,
UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR AND LONG-TIME PEACE ADVOCATE MIRIAM
CORONEL-FERRER FOR BEING ONE OF THE 2023 RAMON MAGSAYSAY
AWARDEES**

1 WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines has consistently given commendation
2 to remarkable Filipinos for their outstanding achievements in various fields and
3 exemplary body of work which bring great honor to the nation and contribute to the
4 positive transformation of our society;

5 WHEREAS, the Ramon Magsaysay Award is the Asia's premier prize and highest
6 honor, which recognizes greatness of spirit shown in selfless service to the peoples of
7 Asia;

8 WHEREAS, since 1958, the prestigious award inspired and named after the
9 seventh President of the Republic of the Philippines, Ramon Magsaysay, has been
10 conferred to more than 340 distinguished individuals and organizations. It has been
11 considered as the region's equivalent of the Nobel Prize;

12 WHEREAS, in its 65th year, four individuals are recipients of the coveted award.
13 They are: Ravi Kannan R. from India, Eugenio Lemos from Timor-Leste, Korvi
14 Rakshand from Bangladesh, and Miriam Coronel-Ferrer from the Philippines;

15 WHEREAS, Coronel-Ferrer was cited for "her deep, unwavering belief in the
16 transformative power of non-violent strategies in peace building, her cool intelligence
17 and courage in surmounting difficulties to convey the truth that it is through inclusion
18 rather than division that peace can be won and sustained, and her unstinting devotion

1 to the agenda of harnessing the power of women in creating a just and peaceful
2 world¹”;

3 WHEREAS, Coronel-Ferrer joins the elite roster of Ramon Magsaysay laureates,
4 including the Dalai Lama (1959) and Mother Teresa (1962), and 64 fellow awardees
5 from the Philippines such as former President Corazon Aquino (1998), former Senate
6 President Jovito Salonga (2007), former Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago (1988),
7 and her very own sister, investigative journalist Sheila Coronel (2003);

8 WHEREAS, she is best known for her lead role as the Chairperson of the
9 Philippine Government’s Peace Panel who negotiated with the Muslim rebel group
10 Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) in 2012, which culminated with the signing of
11 the historic peace deal or the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB)
12 in 2014. The landmark pact concludes seventeen years of negotiations facilitated
13 across four administrations and promises to end four decades of hostilities in
14 Mindanao;

15 WHEREAS, she is also a highly respected academic and a political science
16 professor at the University of the Philippines. She served as Director of the UP Third
17 World Studies Center from 2000 to 2003, and a convenor of the Program on Peace,
18 Democratization, and Human Rights of the UP Center for Integrative and Development
19 Studies until 2005 before joining the peace panel in 2010 as adviser on the issue of
20 normalization²;

21 WHEREAS, in 2015, she was a recipient of the Hillary Clinton Award for
22 Advancing Women in Peace and Security given by Georgetown University, Washington
23 DC, USA which recognized her for being the first female chief negotiator in the world
24 to sign a final peace accord with a rebel group;

25 WHEREAS, in 2018, she became a member of the United Nations Standby Team
26 of Senior Mediation Advisers and has since been actively engaged in mediation and
27 diplomacy work in Afghanistan, Kosovo, Iraq and Southeast Asia;

¹ <https://www.rmaward.asia/awardee/miriam-coronel-ferrer> Accessed on 01 September 2023.

² “Miriam Coronel-Ferrer is new gov’t peace panel chair.” 07 December 2012.

<https://www.rappler.com/nation/17504-miriam-coronel-ferrer-is-the-new-gov-t-peace-panel-chair/> Accessed 01 September 2023.

1 WHEREAS, in 2020, she co-founded the Southeast Asian Women Peace
2 Mediators (SEAWPM) which advances the inclusion and meaningful participation of
3 women as mediators, negotiators and agents of sustainable peace;

4 WHEREAS, her pioneering and exceptional accomplishments in conflict
5 resolution and peacebuilding in the domestic and international fronts have immensely
6 benefitted the Filipino nation in attaining and preserving peace, which is an essential
7 cornerstone of the country's socio-economic development;

8 WHEREAS, her steadfast dedication to the cause of fostering peace and skillful
9 employment of available instruments in promoting peace have uplifted the lives of
10 countless Filipinos and their communities, which would otherwise be mired in fear,
11 oppression, violence and warfare;

12 WHEREAS, she is an empowered Filipina and an inspiring figure in public service
13 who embodies courage, tenacity, empathy and compassion. Her storied career
14 advocating harmony, unity and the rejection of war, and her lifelong commitment to
15 the agenda of peace merit commendation from the Philippine Senate;

16 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to
17 commend and congratulate Filipina peace negotiator, university professor and long-
18 time peace advocate Miriam Coronel-Ferrer for being one of the 2023 Ramon
19 Magsaysay Awardees.

Adopted,


JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA