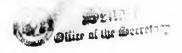
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## RESOLUTION

## COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING SARAH GERONIMO FOR BEING THE FIRST FILIPINA TO RECEIVE THE GLOBAL FORCE AWARD AT THE 2024 BILLBOARD WOMEN IN MUSIC AWARDS

WHEREAS, Billboard, an international music and entertainment publication, held its 2024 Billboard Women in Music Awards last March 4, 2024 at the YouTube Theater in Los Angeles, California, U.S.A. to celebrate and honor women from various countries around the world as *Global Forces* in recognizing their contributions to the music industry;

WHEREAS, Sarah Asher Tua Geronimo, or popularly known as Sarah Geronimo, was honored as the *Global Force Award* in the 2024 Billboard Women in Music Awards making her the first Filipina to ever win the accolade;

WHEREAS, Sarah Geronimo, in her speech, declared that she accepted the award on behalf of every amazing and excellent Filipina and Filipino artists in the Philippines and all over the world and that her award shall signify courage to accept and embrace oneself, to break boundaries and defy standards, to overcome setbacks and challenges, and hope that the Philippines and other nations can foster change and positivity in the world through music;

WHEREAS, Sarah Geronimo began her music career at the early age of two and starred in numerous television programs and movies at the ages of 4 to 9 such as *Penpen De Sarapen, Ang TV, NEXT*, and *Sarah Ang Munting Prinsesa*. Sarah was also notably among the performers during Pope John Paul II's visit to the Philippines during the World Youth Day in 1995;

WHEREAS, Sarah made her breakthrough in Philippine entertainment and cemented her status as the *Pop Princess* and *Popstar Royalty* when she won as the grand champion of the nationwide singing contest *Star for a Night* in 2003 that led to her contract with Viva Entertainment, Inc. resulting to blockbuster films, multiplatinum records, and sold-out concerts and shows;

WHEREAS, Sarah G.'s songs, recording albums, performances, including her movies and shows have won countless recognitions and awards throughout her storied career spanning from renowned award-giving bodies, media and entertainment associations, civil society and student organizations, among many others both here in the country and overseas.

WHEREAS, Among her remarkable awards and recognitions are the following: Best Asian Performer in the 2016 Japanese Classic Rock Awards, Best Selling Philippine Artist of the Year in the 2014 World Music Awards in Monaco, Best Southeast Asian Act in the 2013 MTV Europe Music Awards in the Netherlands, Best Asian Artist in the 2012 Mnet Asian Music Awards in Hong Kong. Moreover, Sarah Geronimo won the Philippine Movie Press Club's (PMPC) Movie Actress of the Year in 2019 for her performance in the movie *Miss Granny*, Female Pop Artist of the Year, Female Recording Arist of the Year and Female Concert Performer of the Year from 2009 to 2016, and has won Album of the Year and Song of the Year from Awit Awards in several years;

WHEREAS, Sarah Geronimo has brought immense pride and honor to the country proving that she is indeed an icon and one of the greatest Filipinas in the arts and entertainment industry who will be celebrated by many and the generations to come;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Senate of the Philippines to honor and commend Sarah Geronimo for her historic achievement in being the first Filipina to receive the Global Force Award at the 2024 Billboard Women in Music Awards.

Adopted,

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SÓNNY ANGARA