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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 WHEREAS, Among her remarkable awards and recognitions are the following:
12 Best Asian Performer in the 2016 Japanese Classic Rock Awards, Best Selling Philippine
13 Artist of the Year in the 2014 World Music Awards in Monaco, Best Southeast Asian
14 Act in the 2013 MTV Europe Music Awards in the Netherlands, Best Asian Artist in the
15 2012 Mnet Asian Music Awards in Hong Kong. Moreover, Sarah Geronimo won the
16 Philippine Movie Press Club's (PMPC) Movie Actress of the Year in 2019 for her
17 performance in the movie *Miss Granny*, Female Pop Artist of the Year, Female
18 Recording Artist of the Year and Female Concert Performer of the Year from 2009 to
19 2016, and has won Album of the Year and Song of the Year from Awit Awards in
20 several years;

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

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

Adopted,


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