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Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING HONORABLE LOREN LEGARDA FOR HER EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE AS SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE DURING THE FIRST AND SECOND REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE NINETEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, Honorable Loren Legarda served the Senate with dedication as Senate President Pro Tempore during the First and Second Regular Sessions of the Nineteenth Congress of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Senator Legarda's tenure in this esteemed position has been marked by her unwavering commitment to public service, exemplified by her tireless advocacy for policies that benefit the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, as Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Culture and the Arts; the Special Committee on the Rehabilitation of the Manila Central Post Office; Special Oversight Committee on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (RCEP); and the Senate Panel to the Philippine Congress - Bangsamoro Parliament Forum, she was instrumental in the advancement of policies and measures aimed at cultural preservation, socio-economic development, and the achievement of lasting peace and inclusive growth, reflecting her profound concern for the well-being of the nation and future generations;

WHEREAS, since the start of her illustrious career in legislation, Senator Legarda has been the foremost advocate and steadfast champion for environmental protection, climate change awareness and action — consistently advocating for landmark environmental laws in every Congress, who sponsored and defended in the 19th Congress the Philippine Ecosystem and Natural Capital Accounting System (PENCAS) Act and the Blue Economy Act;

WHEREAS, the Honorable Senator's passionate advocacy for climate action and sustainable development has positioned the Philippines as a proactive and responsible voice in the global community, committed to addressing environmental challenges;

WHEREAS, being a staunch advocate for the promotion and protection of women's rights, Senator Legarda authored landmark laws such as the Magna Carta of Women, the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act, the Anti-Violence against Women and Children Act, the *Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Mag-Nanay* Act and the 105-Day Expanded Maternity Leave Law;

WHEREAS, in the 19th Congress, she principally authored and sponsored Republic Act No. 11961 or the Cultural Mapping Law which mandates local government units to conduct comprehensive cultural mapping to preserve both tangible and intangible heritage;

WHEREAS, she also filed key legislative measures which focused on education, labor rights, environmental protection, and disaster risk reduction including the One Tablet One Student Act; Magna Carta of Public School Teachers; Magna Carta for Private School Teachers; An Act Upgrading the Minimum Salaries of Public School Teachers and Personnel; Magna Carta of Barangay Health Workers; and Technical Education, Training and Certification Act of 2022;


WHEREAS, as Chairperson of the Drafting Committee during the 31st Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Forum held in Manila on November 23 to 26, 2023, she expertly facilitated the proceedings with both persuasion and firm resolve, resulting in the adoption of all ten (10) Resolutions that were referred to her Committee for approval, all while ensuring that the country's interests are protected and recognized;

WHEREAS, Senator Legarda has demonstrated exceptional legislative acumen, playing a crucial role in fostering collaboration and consensus in the Senate, ensuring the smooth and efficient functioning of the legislative process;

WHEREAS, Senator Loren Legarda's performance and dedication as Senate President Pro Tempore earned her the respect and admiration of her peers and the public, reinforcing her legacy as a visionary leader and a steadfast defender of the rights and welfare of the Filipino people: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, To commend, as it hereby commends, Honorable Loren Legarda for her exemplary performance as Senate President Pro Tempore during the First and Second Regular Sessions of the Nineteenth Congress of the Philippines.

Adopted,


JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA
Senate President Pro Tempore