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Introduced by Senate President Manny Villar

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE SENATOR COMPAÑERA PIA S. CAYETANO FOR BEING UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION (IPU) DURING ITS 118TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THEREBY EARNING THE RARE DISTINCTION OF BEING THE FIRST FILIPINA AND FIRST ASIAN LEGISLATOR TO BE ELECTED TO THE SAID POSITION

WHEREAS, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) is an international organization of parliaments of sovereign states established in 1889 and widely considered the world's first permanent forum for multilateral cooperation;

WHEREAS, on the occasion of the IPU's 118th General Assembly held in Capetown, South Africa, Senator Compañera Pia S. Cayetano was unanimously elected President of the Committee of Women's Parliamentarians on April 18, 2008;

WHEREAS, the Committee of Women Parliamentarians under the IPU was established in 1990 in order to give women delegation a permanent voice in IPU;

WHEREAS, Senator Cayetano has been actively involved in bringing women's concerns to the mainstream of international politics, such as violence committed against them and their children as well as maternal, infant and child health;

WHEREAS, the election of Senator Cayetano to the highest position in the Committee of Women Parliamentarians with the unanimous support of delegates representing the Asia-Pacific, Latin America, Eurasia, Africa, Europe and the Arab Groups, is a clear manifestation of the trust and confidence and recognition of world leaders on the leadership ability of Filipinos;

WHEREAS, this rare distinction of being the first Filipina and first Asian legislator to be elected to the post has brought honor and pride to the country and will serve as an inspiration to the entire Filipino people: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, to congratulate, as it hereby congratulates, the Honorable Senator Compañera Pia S. Cayetano for being unanimously elected President of the Committee of Women Parliamentarians of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) during its 118th General Assembly held in Capetown, South Africa, thereby earning the rare distinction of being the First Filipina and First Asian legislator to be elected to the said position and for bringing honor to the country and the Filipino people.

Adopted,

MANNY VILLAR Senate President