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RESOLUTION No. 87

RESOLUTION HONORING FORMER SENATE PRESIDENT
PRO-TEMPORE LETICIA RAMOS SHAHANI WHO
CONTINUES TO SERVE THE NATION AND THE
FILIPINO PEOPLE WITH UTMOST DEDICATION
AND EXCELLENCE, RECOGNIZING HER
REMARKABLE CONTRIBUTION AS LEGISLATOR,
DIPLOMAT, EDUCATOR, WOMEN'S RIGHTS
ADVOCATE AND CIVIL SOCIETY LEADER

WHEREAS, as a distinguished member of the Philippine Senate from 1987 to 1998, Dr. Leticia Ramos Shahani authored key legislation on culture and education, foreign service, and women's rights, among others;

WHEREAS, as a foremost women's rights advocate, she pushed for the institutional empowerment of women in the international arena, namely the United Nations wherein she served as Secretary-General of the UN Third World Conference on Women in Nairobi, Kenya in 1985 and as Head of the

Philippine Delegation to the UN Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, People's Republic of China in 1995;

WHEREAS, continuing this advocacy in the Senate where she served for twelve years, several landmark legislation on women's rights were authored by her – the Republic Act No. 6725 or "Strengthening the Prohibition of Discrimination Against Women in the Workplace, Amending the Labor Code of the Philippines", R.A. No. 8353 or the "Anti Rape Law of 1997" which redefined the crime of rape as a crime against person and not against chastity, and R.A. No. 8505 or the "Rape Victim Assistance and Protection Act of 1998", among others. Moreover, she introduced the inclusion of the mandatory five percent (5%) allocation in the budget of every government department and agency for gender and development;

WHEREAS, she also served this august chamber in different capacities as Senate President Pro-Tempore, Chairperson of the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture, Agriculture and Food, Foreign Relations and Women and Family Relations; and as Member of the Senate Electoral Tribunal and Commission on Appointments;

WHEREAS, prior to her work as lawmaker, she already had a wide and notable record of government service which included her being Chairperson of the National Commission on the Role of the Filipino Women in 1987 and Career Ambassador to the Commonwealth of Australia (1978 to 1980) and Socialist Republic of Romania (1975 to 1980);

WHEREAS, her distinguished academic record includes a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature in Wellesley College (1951), Master of Arts in Comparative Literature in Columbia University (1953) and Doctorate d' Université in Comparative Literature in University of Paris (1962) as a French Government Scholar with her doctoral thesis meriting the highest honors. She has taught a wide array of courses such as English Literature, French, Spanish, Comparative Literature, Humanities, Social Psychology and also served as Dean of the College of International, Humanitarian and Developments Studies in Miriam College and Lyceum of the Philippines Graduate School;

WHEREAS, up to this day, she continues to passionately advocate and campaign for the advancement and protection of women's rights even after retiring from government service;

WHEREAS, in recognition of her various local and international feats, Dr. Shahani received the following awards:

1. French Legion of Honor, Order of Commander, Conferred by President Jacques Chirac, June 1996;
2. United Nations Population Award, 1996;
3. Rafael Salas Population and Development Award, 1996;
4. Lazo de Dama de la Orden de Isabel la Catolica, conferred by King Juan Carlos I of Spain, 1996;
5. Women in International Relations, Golden Awards for Woman Achiever, National Council of Women of the Philippines, June 1996;
6. Gawad Mabini Award, Dakilang Kamanong, DFA, 1995;
7. French Legion of Honor, Order of Chevalier, conferred by President Francois Mitterand, July 1992;
8. Woman that Makes a Difference, International Women's Forum, Denver, Colorado USA, October 1992;
9. Mother of the Year Award, National Federation of Women's Clubs Philippines, December 1990;
10. Golden Anniversary Awardee for Public Service, Girl Scouts of the Philippines, 1990;
11. Gintong Ina Award for Public Service, Gintong Ina/ Ama Foundation, 1990;
12. Tandang Sora Awardee for International Relations, Quezon City, 1983;
13. Order of Teodor Vlademirescu, Class I, Romanian Government, 1974; and
14. Ten Outstanding Women in Nation's Service (TOWNS), Manila, 1974.

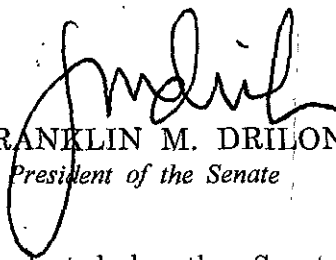
WHEREAS, Dr. Leticia Ramos Shahani, born on 30 September 1929 in Lingayen, Pangasinan, was born to a family of public servants, beginning from her parents Narciso Ramos, who served as Foreign Affairs Secretary and considered as one of the founding fathers of the Association of the Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), and Angela Marcos Valdez, a public school teacher, and most notably, her brother the twelfth President of the Republic of the Philippines Fidel Valdez Ramos;

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Senate to recognize one of the finest and most distinguished legislators to have ever

graced its halls and acknowledge her untiring efforts in pushing for valuable legislation on matters of paramount national interests: Now, therefore, be it

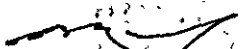
Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To honor former Senate President Pro-Tempore Leticia Ramos Shahani who continues to serve the nation and the Filipino people with utmost dedication and excellence, recognizing her outstanding contributions as legislator, diplomat, educator, women's rights advocate and civil society leader.

Adopted,



FRANKLIN M. DRILON
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 10, 2015.



OSCAR G. YABES
Secretary of the Senate

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