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RESOLUTION No. 142

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE HONORABLE
SENATOR LEILA M. DE LIMA FOR HER
UNSELFISH AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE
SENATE AND THE NATION DURING HER TERM
AS SENATOR

WHEREAS, the Honorable Leila M. De Lima, a renowned and fearless human rights lawyer and advocate, was elected Senator of the 17th and 18th Congresses (2016-2022);

WHEREAS, as a Senator, she served as Chairperson of various standing committees in the Senate such as the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Electoral Reforms and People's Participation; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development;

WHEREAS, one of the staunchest voices in the human rights and social justice fronts, she introduced and sponsored bills generally meant to improve the country's criminal justice

system, reform the prison, promote human rights, strengthen the rule of law, fight graft and corruption, promote gender equality, ensure food security, and introduce changes in the Constitution and election laws;

WHEREAS, as Chairperson of the Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development, she principally authored four landmark pieces of legislation, namely: Republic Act No. 11310 or the "Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Act", which provides financial aid to the poorest of the poor households to improve their health, nutrition and education; RA No. 11291, otherwise known as the "Magna Carta of the Poor", which gives the underprivileged full access to basic services; RA No. 11350, which created the National Commission of Senior Citizens mandated to handle issues concerning senior citizens; and RA No. 11315, also known as the "Community-Based Monitoring System Act", which collects statistical data from barangays to be used for better planning, budgeting and implementation of poverty alleviation and development programs;

WHEREAS, performing her senatorial duties with utmost diligence and excellence while under detention inside the government custodial center, she has continuously crafted and supported bills and resolutions advocating human rights and social justice, including bills on human rights defenders, anti-extrajudicial killing, Magna Carta for Day Care Workers, unified penitentiary and prison reform, unified corrections and jail management, and SOGIE equality;

WHEREAS, giving a high premium on justice and the rule of law as part of the basic duty of the State to protect and serve the people, she strongly condemned the extra-judicial killings and enforced disappearances of ordinary and prominent individuals;

WHEREAS, for unselfishly devoting her time and efforts in protecting human rights and promoting social justice, a number of award-giving bodies around the world had given her the following distinction and recognition, to wit: the "Women Sheroes of 2018" by RINJ Foundation, "The World's 50 Greatest Leaders" by Fortune Magazine, "Power Women of

Southeast Asia” by Asian Correspondent, “Prize for Freedom” by Liberal International, “Leading Global Thinker Award” by Foreign Policy, and “Most Distinguished Human Rights Defender” by Amnesty International;

WHEREAS, for her invaluable service to uplift the lives of the people through quality legislations, Senator De Lima deserves this Chamber’s commendation and the highest recognition of the entire nation; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, To commend, as it hereby commends, the Honorable Senator Leila M. De Lima for her unselfish and dedicated service to the Senate and the nation during her term as Senator.

Adopted,



VICENTE C. SOTTO III

President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 1, 2022.



MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA

Secretary of the Senate
