

SENATE
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RESOLUTION
HONORING THE LATE PRESIDENT CORAZON C. AQUINO,
ICON OF DEMOCRACY, ADVOCATE OF PEACE AND UNITY,
AND MODEL OF MORAL LEADERSHIP

WHEREAS, Maria Corazon "Cory" Cojuangco Aquino, born on 25 January 1933 in the province of Tarlac, was, as she modestly described herself, a "plain housewife," before she was catapulted to the forefront of Philippines politics after her husband, Senator Benigno Aquino, Jr., was mercilessly killed on 21 August 1983;

WHEREAS, showing unswerving strength of character and driven by her commitment to continue her late husband's quest to bring justice, peace and democracy to the Filipino people, "Tita Cory," as she was fondly called, unified the opposition and ran for President in the 1986 Snap Elections;

WHEREAS, the outcome of the flawed elections impelled the people to rise and take part in the People Power Revolution which eventually drove the regime then in power out of the country and installed Corazon C. Aquino as the first woman President of the Philippines; the People Power Revolution has, since then, become an example of peaceful transition by means of mass action for the rest of the world and served as a model for nonviolent revolutions that ushered the emergence of democratic countries in Eastern Europe such as the Republic of Poland, and the re-unification of Germany at the wake of the fall of the Soviet Union;

WHEREAS, under President Cory Aquino's leadership, separation of powers was re-established through the reorganization of Congress and the restoration of the Supreme Court;


WHEREAS, through President Cory Aquino's strong moral leadership and her faithfulness to the democratic process and the rule of law, her administration withstood seemingly insurmountable challenges and several attempts by civilian and military forces to take power outside the law;

WHEREAS, notwithstanding her retirement from the political scene after the end of her term, President Cory Aquino, together with other individuals committed to transparency and good governance, gave her support to EDSA II, a peaceful expression of the Filipino people's disgust over corruption and abuse;

WHEREAS, President Cory Aquino's moral ascendancy and personal rectitude has been recognized all over the world and the numerous awards and citations she has received have brought immense pride to our country; Time Magazine hailed her as the Woman of the Year in 1986, one of the Most Influential Asians of the 20th Century in 1999, and one of the 65 Great Asian Heroes in 2006, and the Fulbright Association awarded her with the J. William Fulbright Prize for International Understanding, to name a few of her international achievements;

WHEREAS, not only the Philippines, but the entire world, lost one of the greatest symbols of freedom and democracy, as President Cory Aquino passed away at the age of 76 on 01 August 2009. *Now therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Senate of the Philippines, to honor and commemorate the life and times of President Corazon C. Aquino, the Philippines' icon of democracy, advocate of peace and unity, and model of moral leadership.



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