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RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCE AND SYMPATHY OF THE SENATE AND FILIPINO PEOPLE TO THE FAMILY AND LOVED ONES OF FORMER PRESIDENT CORAZON "CORY" COJUANGCO-AQUINO, REMEMBERING HER IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO PHILIPPINE DEMOCRACY AND OUR DEMOCRATIC TRADITIONS, HONORING HER FOR HER ROLE AS FORMER HEAD OF STATE OF THE REPUBLIC AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES DURING A CRITICAL TIME IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY AND EXPRESSING TO HER THE SINCERE AND HEART-FELT GRATITUDE OF A PROUD AND GRATEFUL NATION.

WHEREAS, our esteemed colleague, Sen. Benigno "Noy" Aquino III, has announced the passing away of his beloved mother, former Philippine President Corazon "Cory" C. Aquino last Saturday, August 1, 2009, at 3:18 a.m. due to cardio-respiratory failure after her 16-month bout with colon cancer;

WHEREAS, former President Cory is best remembered for her central role in the restoration of Philippine democracy during the 1986 EDSA People Power Revolution after more than twenty (20) years of authoritarian rule;

WHEREAS, during her term of office, President Cory worked tirelessly not only to restore our freedom and democracy but also to build and strengthen our democratic institutions and preserve our democratic traditions;

WHEREAS, among the important contributions of President Cory's administration to the nation is the drafting and enactment of the 1987 Philippine Constitution which created the Philippine Senate, under which we now all serve;

WHEREAS, President Cory has brought much honor to the nation as the first female Head of State not only of the Philippines but of South East Asia, as 1987 Time Magazine Woman of the Year and because of the countless awards and accolade she received during her term as President from 1986 to 1992 and thereafter;

WHEREAS, President Cory is acclaimed as an icon of democracy not only in the Philippines but throughout the entire world;

WHEREAS, equally as important is the fact that through the turmoil of all of these events and even throughout the colorful political career and lengthy incarceration of her husband, former Sen. Benigno “Ninoy” S. Aquino, Jr., President Cory continued without fail in performing her role as a devout, dedicated and loving mother to her children and doting grandmother to her grandchildren;

WHEREAS, what is even more notable is that during the twilight of her years, even while she was battling with her terminal affliction, President Cory continued to lead the fight and lend her support for our common struggle against graft and corruption and towards good governance, especially in the light of the Hello Garci election rigging controversy, NBN-ZTE fiasco, the Joc-joc Bolante fertilizer scam and many other anomalies, which unfortunately remain unheeded by the current administration;

NOW, THEREFORE, this RESOLUTION is hereby adopted expressing the condolence and sympathy of the Senate and the entire Filipino nation to the family and loved ones of President Corazon “Cory” Cojuangco-Aquino, remembering all the important contributions of President Cory to Philippine democracy and our democratic traditions, honoring her for her role as former Head of State of the Republic and former Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) during a critical time in our nation’s history and expressing to her the sincere and heart-felt gratitude of a proud and grateful nation.

ADOPTED,


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Senator