

SENATE

P.S. Res. No. 1252

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Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda

RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING SINCEREST GRATITUDE TO MARIA CORAZON
COJUANGCO AQUINO AND DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO HER FAMILY

Whereas, Maria Corazon Cojuangco Aquino, a “plain housewife” became the president of the Republic of the Philippines from 1986-1992;

Whereas, President Aquino was instrumental in restoring democracy to the country and the people’s faith in government through a “people power revolution” and went on to gain worldwide admiration as a champion of peace and democracy;

Whereas, through the leadership and example of President Aquino, the Filipino people was able to prove their courage to the world and to themselves while other peoples oppressed by tyranny and dictatorship found inspiration in the Filipinos, under the leadership of President Aquino, and the peaceful revolution they successfully carried out;

Whereas, President Aquino also succeeded in laying the foundation for the crafting and promulgation of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines and in laying down the foundations for the economic recovery of the country;

Whereas, as a consequence of her bravery and commitment to the Filipino people and to the rule of law, President Aquino even risked her life and the safety of her family;

Whereas, even after the end of her term, President Aquino remained active in the national life of the country and of the Filipinos and has remained committed to public service;

Whereas, President Cory received numerous citations and recognitions from local and international bodies including her nomination to the *Nobel Peace Prize* (1986), *TIME’s Woman of the Year* (1986), the *J. William Fulbright Prize for International Understanding* (1996), and the *Ramon Magsaysay Award for International Understanding* (1998);

Whereas, President Cory has been a constant moral force in the life of our nation, consistent in here ideals of courage, simplicity, faithfulness, and compassion;

Whereas, the public service record of President Cory was exemplary and untainted by any wrongdoing;

Whereas, President Cory was a staunch advocate of democracy, peace, good governance, and women empowerment;

Whereas, President Aquino, was a unifying force for Filipinos of all political affiliations and sectors;

Whereas, President Aquino has been an unfailing figure of prayerfulness and faith in God;

Whereas, humanity owes to Maria Corazon Cojuangco Aquino the gift of people power and peaceful revolution as means for exercising their sovereign power;

Whereas, Maria Corazon Cojuangco Aquino died last August 1, 2009, in Makati City, Philippines;

Therefore, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved that the Senate of the Philippines express its sincerest gratitude to Maria Corazon Cojuangco Aquino and its deepest condolences to her family for her demise;

Resolved further that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the family of Maria Corazon Cojuangco Aquino.

Adopted,


LOREN LEGARDA