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Introduced by Senator Francis N. Pangilinan

***A RESOLUTION HONORING
FORMER PRESIDENT MARIA CORAZON COJUANCO AQUINO
AS AN ICON OF PHILIPPINE DEMOCRACY AND HER
LEGACY OF POLITICAL COURAGE, INSPIRATION
AND SELF-SACRIFICE***

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2009, Maria Corazon “Cory” C. Aquino who was the 11th President of the Philippines from 1986 to 1992 succumbed to cardio-respiratory arrest after a battle with colon cancer for almost a year;

WHEREAS, President Aquino, esteemed by every Filipino for her honorable service to the country, led a peaceful “people power” revolution against the dictatorship of the Marcos government in 1986, which was instrumental in restoring democracy and honor to the people. Her bravery in the face of tyranny set an example to the world of the peaceful transition to democracy in the Philippines. She was sworn in as President in February 1986 through the People Power Revolution, the first female president of the Philippines and Asia’s first female president as well;

WHEREAS, during her six-year presidency, President Aquino staunchly defended the democracy Filipinos have won back and quashed seven coup attempts, earning the respect of world leaders and widespread international acclaim as an icon of democracy. As leader, she was a champion of peace, women’s empowerment, and religious piety;

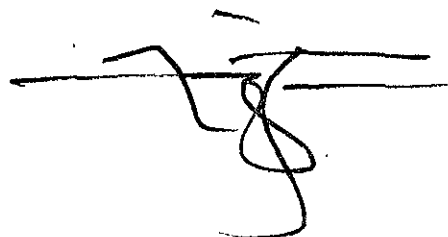
WHEREAS, having been a recipient of several awards and citations, President Aquino was bestowed the distinction of a nomination to the Nobel Peace Prize and selection as Time Magazine’s Woman of the Year, both in 1986. In 1994, she was cited as one of *100 Women Who Shaped World History* and in 1999, was chosen by Time Magazine as one of the 20 Most Influential Asians of the 20th century Truly a feat of extraordinary talent and achievement from a woman who personifies the ideals of selfless dedication, humility, simplicity, and commitment in public service;

WHEREAS, President Aquino went back to her private life after serving the Filipino people for six years. She continued dedicating her life to helping her fellowmen through the PinoyME Foundation and other projects like the scholarship assistance through the Benigno S. Aquino Foundation;

WHEREAS, through her exemplary and moral leadership, she was admired not only by Filipinos but by various people all over the world. She was recognized by the United States for her courage, determination and moral leadership. To this day, she continues to serve as inspiration to all and exemplify the best qualities of the Filipino nation. President Aquino indeed was a beloved leader and true hero of democracy;

NOW, THEREFORE, that the Senate of the Philippines honors the life of Former President Corazon "Cory" C. Aquino for her legacy of democracy, political courage, inspiration and self-sacrifice.

ADOPTED,

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