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P.S. Res. No 1291

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Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda

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**RESOLUTION**

**COMMENDING ATTY. ANTONIO A. OPOSA, JR. FOR BEING A RECIPIENT OF THE 2009 RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARD BY THE RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARD FOUNDATION**

*Whereas*, Atty. Antonio A. Oposa, Jr., hailed as one of Asia's leading voices in the global arena of environmental law, founded the Law of Nature Foundation, a network of volunteer citizens engaged in monitoring coral reef sites, establishing marine sanctuaries, and assisting local governments in drafting environmental legislation;

*Whereas*, Atty. Oposa won a landmark case before the Supreme Court in 2008 for the clean-up and rehabilitation of Manila Bay and for the enforcement of environment laws;

*Whereas*, Atty. Oposa is internationally known for establishing at the highest Philippine Court of Law the principle of inter-generational responsibility - the right to sue governments on behalf of future generations to stop environmental damage;

*Whereas*, Atty. Oposa won the 2008 International Environmental Law Award given by the Center for International Environmental Law last April 21, 2009 in Washington DC;

*Whereas*, Atty. Oposa will be one of the recipients of the 2009 Ramon Magsaysay Award which will be conferred by the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF);

*Whereas*, an announcement from RMAF recognizes Atty. Oposa's "*pathbreaking and passionate crusade to engage Filipinos in acts of enlightened citizenship that maximize the power of law to protect and nurture the environment for themselves, their children, and generations still to come*";

*Whereas*, RMAF is a nonprofit organization which gives awards of honor to outstanding persons and organizations working in Asia who manifest greatness of spirit in service to the people of Asia;

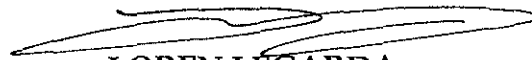
*Whereas*, the RMAF recognizes individuals and organizations who address issues of human development in Asia with courage and creativity, and in doing so have made contributions which have transformed their societies for the better;

*Whereas*, Atty. Oposa was chosen to receive the award for his leading efforts to protect the environment;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Senate commends Atty. Antonio A. Oposa, Jr. for being a recipient of the 2009 Ramon Magsaysay Award by the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation;*

*RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be given Atty. Antonio A. Oposa, Jr.*

Adopted,



**LOREN LEGARDA**  
Senator