

SENATE

P. S. Res. No. 1386

Introduced by Senator JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI

RESOLUTION

HONORING AND REMEMBERING ODETTE ALCANTARA FOR HER
EXEMPLARY WORKS AS A PASSIONATE ENVIRONMENTAL CRUSADER
WHO WILL SERVE AS AN INSPIRATION FOR MANY PEOPLE ESPECIALLY
AT THIS TIME WHEN THE EARTH IS DRAMATICALLY IN DANGER FROM
THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

WHEREAS, on 22 September 2009, the country lost one of its shining beacons in the environmental movement, *Odette Alcantara* who passed away after succumbing to aneurysm at the age of 69;

WHEREAS, Ms. Alcantara is a well-known ecological artist and environmental activist and a founding pillar of the Mother Earth Foundation;

WHEREAS, Ms. Alcantara epitomized genuine concern for sustainable human habitats and the health of the environment;

WHEREAS, as country-coordinator of the Earth Day Network of the Philippines (ENDP), Odette helped mount protests against cutting of trees along Katipunan Avenue, at the Quezon City Memorial Circle, and at Arroceros Park and Intramuros area in Manila;

WHEREAS, Ms. Alcantara organized clean-up competitions among barangays, promoted organic farming, and led tree-planting activities;

WHEREAS, Ms. Alcantara was described as a "master tactician and relentless networker who brought various groups and interests together, to work for a unified environmental agenda" by the international organization Greenpeace Southeast Asia;

WHEREAS, Ms. Alcantara was acknowledged as a "brilliant communicator," distilling the oftentimes complicated and technical concepts of ecology into simple, witty, yet compelling morsels of "Filipino wisdom";

WHEREAS, Ms. Alcantara was hailed as one of the most audacious and passionate defenders of Mother Earth by the EcoWaste Coalition;

WHEREAS, Ms. Alcantara as a passionate green warrior, successfully fought to have incinerators banned under the Clean Air Act and Ecological Solid Waste Management Act;

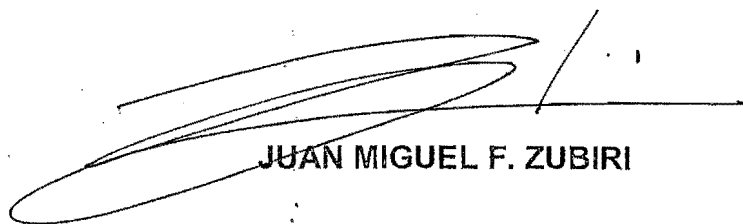
WHEREAS, outside of her green activism, Ms. Alcantara was beloved host and patron to artists, musicians, writers, intellectuals and of chess players and whose family- owned Heritage Art Gallery in Cubao was a favorite watering hole of creative minds; “

WHEREAS, the Philippine environmental movement has lost one of its shining beacons with the passing of Ms. Alcantara;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Senate to honor and remember Ms. Alcantara for her exemplary achievements in environmental projects and being a passionate environmental crusader, thus making her an inspiration for many people especially at this time when the earth is dramatically in danger from the impacts of climate change.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be given to the family of the late Ms. Odette Alcantara.

Adopted,



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI