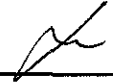


SENATE

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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING NATIONAL SCIENTIST AND UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES PROFESSOR LOURDES J. CRUZ FOR BEING NAMED THE 2010 L'OREAL-UNESCO LAUREATE FOR ASIA-PACIFIC FOR THE DISCOVERY OF MARINE SNAIL TOXINS THAT CAN SERVE AS POWERFUL TOOLS TO STUDY BRAIN FUNCTION TO BE CONFERRED DURING THE 12TH L'OREAL-UNESCO AWARDS FOR WOMEN IN SCIENCE (FWIS) ON 4 MARCH 2010 AT THE UNESCO HEADQUARTERS IN PARIS, FRANCE.

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has in several occasions paid tribute to outstanding Filipinos for their astonishing feat of bringing home pride and glory to the country by becoming champions in the international scene;

WHEREAS, National Scientist and University of the Philippines professor Lourdes J. Cruz made the country proud when she was hailed the 2010 L'Oreal-UNESCO Laureate for Asia-Pacific to be conferred during the 12th L'Oreal -UNESCO Awards for Women In Science (FWIS) on 4 March 2010 at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris, France;

WHEREAS, Professor Lourdes J. Cruz, a University of the Philippines alumna who has been teaching in the University since 1970 and 2008 National Scientist, was cited for her research on the biochemistry and toxinology of Philippine cone snails and its applications in the study of brain function;

WHEREAS, the L'Oreal -UNESCO Awards for Women In Science (FWIS) is a partnership between the French cosmetics company L'Oréal and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) that aims to improve the position of women in science by recognizing outstanding women researchers who have contributed to scientific progress;

WHEREAS, two categories alternate each year for the L'Oreal -UNESCO Awards for Women In Science (FWIS) —life sciences and physical sciences, and the 2010 laureates belong to the life sciences category where an international network of nearly 1,000 scientists nominated the candidates for the awards and the five laureates were selected at a meeting of the jury presided by Pr. Günter Blobel, Nobel Prize winner in Medicine in 1999;

WHEREAS, Professor Cruz will be joining four other laureates from around the globe for the 12th L'Oreal -UNESCO Awards for Women In Science (FWIS): for North America, Prof. Elaine Fuchs of the Rockefeller University in New York; for Africa and Arab States, Prof. Rashika El Ridi of Cairo University in Egypt; for Europe, Prof. Anne Dejean-Assemat of the Pasteur Institute in France; and for Latin America and the Caribbean, Prof. Alejandra Bravo of the Universidad Nacional Autonoma in Mexico;

WHEREAS, by being conferred this international scientific achievement, National Scientist and University of the Philippines professor Lourdes J. Cruz has made our country proud and has shown to the world the spirit of Filipino ingenuity and excellence;

WHEREAS, this achievement by our National Scientist deserves to be commended for the honor and recognition she has brought to our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and commend National Scientist and University of the Philippines professor Lourdes J. Cruz for being named the 2010 L'Oreal-UNESCO laureate for Asia-Pacific for the discovery of marine snail toxins that can serve as powerful tools to study brain function to be conferred during the 12th L'Oreal-UNESCO Awards for Women In Science (FWIS) on 4 March 2010 at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris, France.

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator 