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Introduced by Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile

RESOLUTION

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LATE HON. AMELIA JUICO-GORDON, FORMER ASSEMBLYWOMAN OF THE 1984 BATASANG PAMBANSA, AND CONVEYING THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE PHILIPPINE SENATE TO HER BEREAVED FAMILY

Whereas, former Assemblywoman Amelia Juico-Gordon joined the Creator on 17 November 2009 at the age of 90;

Whereas, she served as the first woman mayor of Olongapo City in 1967, following the assassination of her husband, James Gordon, Sr. and was later on elected to the *Batasang Pambansa* in 1984;

Whereas, beyond the call of duty us a public servant, she also actively initiated and participated in socio-civic programs which benefited the marginalized members of our society, through her founding of the Olongapo Boys Town and Girls Home, the Olongapo City Civic Action Group (OCAG), the Iba-Olongapo Catholic Women's League, and the Olongapo City Red Cross where she also served as its Chairperson for 28 years;

Whereas, she was awarded the Pearl S. Buck International Woman of the Year Award in 2002, only the second Filipina to receive such, for her accomplishments in her civic and humanitarian endeavors;

Whereas, she also received the Doña Aurora Aragon Quezon Medal, Silver Jubilee Family Award, 1985 Gintong Ina Award, 1977 Silver Humanitarian Service Cross Award and 1993 Gold Humanitarian Service Cross Award from the Philippine National Red Cross, and the 2000 Centennial Woman of the Year Award;

Whereas, she has carried on a family legacy of leadership, selfless service to the country and her community, untainted name and unblemished record as a public servant, humanitarian and civic leader;

Whereas, the Philippine Senate expresses its deepest condolences to one of its members, Senator Richard J. Gordon, his wife former Congresswoman Katherine H. Gordon, and the rest of their family in this hour of grief and mourning; Now therefore, be it:

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Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to pay tribute to the late Hon. Amelia Juico-Gordon, former Assemblywoman of the 1984 Batasang Pambansa, and to convey its deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to her bereaved family.

Resolved further, that the Secretary of the Senate be ordered to furnish the family of Hon. Amelia Juico-Gordon with a copy of this Resolution.

Adopted,

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Amelia Juico-Gordon, 89

Offmelia Juico-Gordon, born on 04 September 1920, passed away on 17 November 2009 at the age of 89.

Whe was a tireless public servant, elected as the first woman mayor of Olongapo City following the assassination of her husband James Gordon, Sr. in 1967 and then as Assemblywoman in the Batasang Pambansa in 1984.

Whe continued her life of service in the private sector, advocating the protection and promotion of the welfare of needy and abandoned children, legally adopting 54 children as her own, changing the lives of thousands more as the founder of the Olongapo Boys Town and Girls Home, and founding several other civic organizations such as the Olongapo City Civic Action Group (OCAG), the Iba-Olongapo Catholic Women's League, and the Philippine National Red Cross - Olongapo City Chapter where she also served as Chairperson for 28 years.

The recognition of her humanitarian pursuits, her dedication to children and adoption, and her life-long work for the cause of abandoned Filipino children of American descent, Amelia Juico-Gordon became the second Filipina recipient of the Pearl S. Buck International Woman of the Year Award in 2002.

Whe also received numerous medals and awards for her other political and civic accomplishments, including the Doña Aurora Aragon Quezon Medal, Silver Jubilee Family Award, 1985 Gintong Ina Award (Alay kay Inay), 1977 Silver Humanitarian Service Cross Award, 1993 Gold Humanitarian Service Cross Award, and 60th Anniversary Award from the Philippine National Red Cross, and the 2000 Centennial Woman of the Year Award.

Melia Juico-Gordon lived a full life, affecting positive change in the lives of so many people, and inspiring and enabling countless more to live as human beings deserving of dignity and respect.

Che is survived by her children – Veronica "Onnie" Gordon-Lorenzana, Barbara "Bai" Gordon-Delos Reyes, Cecille Gordon-Mullen; Richard "Dick" Gordon, James "Bong" Gordon and Imelda Deza.

Wake will be at Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati starting 18 November until the evening of 19 November. She will then be transferred to Olongapo City on Friday, 20 November.

There will be a mass at 3:00 p.m. today at the Santuario, to be officiated by Bishop Luis Antonio G. Tagle of the Diocese of Imus, Cavite.

The lieu of flowers, donations to the Philippine National Red Cross - Olongapo City Chapter, will be greatly appreciated.