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## RESOLUTION

Introduced by Sen. Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF MRS. AMELIA JUICO GORDON, MOTHER OF SENATOR RICHARD "DICK" GORDON

WHEREAS, Mrs. Amelia Juico Gordon, mother of Senator Richard Gordon, passed away peacefully on 17 November 2009 at the age of 89;

WHEREAS, Amelia Juico-Gordon was an oustanding public servant, having been elected as the first Woman Mayor of the City of Olongapo following the assassination of her husband and then City Mayor James Gordon Sr. in 1967, and was elected an Assemblywoman in the Batasan Pambansa in 1984;

WHEREAS, her credentials as a leading humanitarian include the founding of the Olongapo Boys Town and Girls Home and several other civic organizations such as 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 chairperson for 28 years;

WHEREAS, in recognition of her humanitarian pursuits, her dedication to children and adoption, and her lifelong work for the cause of abandoned Filipino children of American descent, she became the second Filipina recipient of the Pearl S. Buck International Woman of the Year Award in 2002, joining other women who have received the same honor, such as U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and former President Cory Aquino;

WHEREAS, she was also conferred numerous medals and awards for her political and civic accomplishments, including the Dona Aurora Aragon Medal, the Silver Jubilee Family Award, the Silver Medal Award from the National Red Cross, the 1985 Gintong Ina Award Alay kay Inay, the 1993 Gold Humanitarian Service Cross Award, and the 2000 Centennial Woman of the Year Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY

THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, to express, as it hereby expresses, its profound sympathy and sincere condolences on the death of Mrs. Amelia Juico Gordon.

Adopted,

MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID Senator