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A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ROBIN LIM FOR BEING NAMED CNN'S 2011 HERO OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, the Cable News Network, more popularly known as CNN, named Robin Lim, a certified professional midwife, as its 2011 Hero of the Year for helping thousands of women have healthy pregnancies and safe births through her non-profit, Indonesia-based maternal health clinic, "Yayasan Bumi Sehat" (Healthy Mother Earth Foundation);

WHEREAS, Lim is born of a Filipino-Chinese mother and an American father;

WHEREAS, Lim lived in Baguio City for a time and learned the benefits of traditional medicine and healing practices from her maternal grandmother;

WHEREAS, after the death of her youngest sister and her sister's baby due to pregnancy complications, Lim became a professional midwife and subsequently moved to Bali, Indonesia with her husband William Hemmerle;

WHEREAS, with Lim's experience of needing accessible and quality prenatal care and birthing services while being pregnant in Bali, the seeds of "Yayasan Bumi Sehat" were planted;

WHEREAS, Lim's offer of medical assistance to pregnant women from her home grew to a personal mission and commitment to give every poor woman the same chance of surviving childbirth by providing access to free and quality prenatal care and birthing services;

WHEREAS, Lim's selfless service and goodness of heart has earned her the 2011 CNN Hero of the Year award, bringing honor and recognition to the Philippines, given her Filipino ancestry;

WHEREAS, Lim is also bringing miracles to the lives of countless Filipino women through her free prenatal and childbirth clinics in the cities of Baguio and Quezon;

WHEREAS, Robin Lim is an inspiration to all Filipinos and a shining example to each of us that wherever we may be, we can always make a difference in this world and in our country;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines commend Robin Lim for being named 2011 CNN Hero of the Year, thereby bringing honor and glory to our country.

Adopted,

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