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RESOLUTION

HONORING THE PHILIPPINES' PRIDE, ARIELLA HERNANDEZ ARIDA, FOR HAVING BEEN NAMED MISS UNIVERSE 2013 THIRD RUNNER-UP, THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR THE COUNTRY HAS PLACED IN THE TOP FIVE IN THE COMPETITION, REPRESENTING HER COUNTRY WITH PRIDE, GLORY AND OPTIMISM IN THE MIDST OF A CATASTROPHIC SUPER TYPHOON THAT PUMMELED THE PHILIPPINES

Whereas, the Philippines joined Miss Universe in the pageant's first edition in 1952, with the beauty contest first being held in Long Beach, California, USA as a swimsuit promotion event for the Catalina Swimsuit Corp.;

Whereas, 24-year old **ARIELLA HERNANDEZ ARIDA**, the Philippines' candidate to this year's Miss Universe pageant, was named third runner-up at the pageant's coronation night held at the Crocus City Hall in Moscow, Russia on November 9 (November 10 Philippine time), the fourth consecutive year that the Philippines finished runners-up in the most coveted global beauty pageant (fourth in 2010, third in 2011 and first in 2012);

Whereas, **ARIELLA HERNANDEZ ARIDA** entered the Top 16 after topping online polls and generating an enormous amount of interest days ahead of the competition;

Whereas, the 5'7" Filipino beauty queen, who achieved the most number of special appearances in pre-pageant events (including Russian pop singer Emin Agalarov's music video shoot with Miss Universe 2012 Olivia Culpo of USA, sponsors Italian luxury swimwear and lingerie brand Yamamay, British designer Tony Ward, luxury car maker Mercedes Benz and internationally-renowned culinary expert Chef Nobu) from among this year's 86 candidates, was also an early favorite among international beauty experts and former beauty queens, with some proclaiming **ARIELLA HERNANDEZ ARIDA** as "the best in Asia";

Whereas, the Alaminos, Laguna native and Chemistry graduate from the University of the Philippines-Los Baños—notably the only Asian candidate in the Top 5—dedicated her feat to her *kababayans* who are still reeling from the massive devastation wrought by super Typhoon Yolanda (international codename: Haiyan);

Whereas, **ARIELLA HERNANDEZ ARIDA** is a global icon of a Filipino's resiliency and courage, who beams with optimism despite the odds;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE, joins the Filipino nation in congratulating Filipino beauty queen **ARIELLA HERNANDEZ ARIDA** for finishing third runner-up in the Miss Universe 2013, helping to uplift the Filipino spirit by being positive which the country can be proud of and dedicating her achievement to the Philippines recently devastated by a super typhoon.

Adopted,


GRACE POE