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Introduced by SENATOR LOREN LEGARDA

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF GAWAD SA MANLILIKHA NG BAYAN AWARDEE AND NATIONAL LIVING TREASURE MASTER DREAMWEAVER LANG DULAY OF THE T'BOLI OF LAKE SEBU, SOUTH COTABATO

WHEREAS, Gawad sa Manlilikha ng Bayan awardee and National Living Treasure and famed master dreamweaver Lang Dulay passed away on 30 April 2015 at the age of 91 in her ancestral home in Lake Sebu, South Cotabato;

WHEREAS, she was conferred in 1998 the Gawad sa Manlilikha ng Bayan Award and declared a National Living Treasure by President Fidel V. Ramos for her excellence in weaving the highly valued "T'nalak", a traditional T'boli cloth, and her efforts in preserving the T'boli craft for the next generation;

WHEREAS, being the most famous dreamweavers among the T'boli who "dream" the design of their weaves and work with black and red dyes, it has been said Lang Dulay knows a "hundred designs, including the bulangit (clouds), the bankiring (hair bangs), and the kabangi (butterfly), thus reflecting the wisdom and vision of her people";

WHEREAS, despite the pressures exerted by commercialism on the T'nalak industry which led to the foregoing of traditional designs for modern ones, Lang Dulay, remained loyal and persisted in "doing things, the old, and harder way...giving voice to the songs of her elders' before her," enabling the preservation of their crafts up to the present;

WHEREAS, as a true Gawad Manlilikha ng Bayan, Lang Dulay's legacy shall live on through her granddaughters and relatives who

were her students in the School of Living Tradition which she established near her house after her conferment of the title "National Living Treasure";

WHEREAS, the life Lang Dulay lived serves as an inspiration and reminder for all Filipinos, especially the indigenous cultural communities, of the depth and breadth of our cultural heritage, and our identity as a nation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to express the profound sympathy and sincere condolences of the Senate of the Philippines on the death of Gawad sa Manlilikha ng Bayan awardee and National Living Treasure, master dreamweaver Lang Dulay of the T'boli of Lake Sebu, South Cotabato;

Adopted,

LOREN LEGARDA
Senator