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Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING SENATOR LOREN B. LEGARDA FOR HER APPOINTMENT AS WOMEN IN PARLIAMENTS GLOBAL FORUM AMBASSADOR FOR THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the Women in Parliaments Global Forum (WIP) is the global network of female members of their respective nation's Parliaments. It is an independent, international, and post-partisan foundation established with the purpose of advancing society by building a network between women in parliaments;

WHEREAS, in September 2016, Senator Loren B. Legarda was officially recognized as a WIP Ambassador for the Republic of the Philippines. In the words of WIP Founder and Former Vice-President of the European Parliament Silvana Koch-Mehrin, Senator Legarda's "experience at the national and international level, alongside her commitment to the aims and objectives of the Women in Parliaments Global Forum (WIP) will truly be an asset to the organization;"

WHEREAS, Senator Legarda is a staunch advocate of women's rights and has proven her commitment to her cause through the passage of landmark laws which she co-authored, such as Republic Act No. 9262, otherwise known as the "Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004," and Republic Act No. 9710, also known as the "Magna Carta of Women;"

WHEREAS, Senator Legarda not only championed the rights of women but also asserted their active role in environmental protection, disaster risk reduction, and climate change globally through her participation in international fora, such as the *Investing in Women's Leadership for Climate Solutions* by the Global Gender and Climate Alliance, *Women in Parliaments Global Forum Annual Summit* in Belgium, *Asia-Europe Meeting Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management* in Manila, *World Assembly for Women* in Japan, and *High Level Multi-stakeholder Partnership Dialogue in Mobilizing Women's Leadership in Disaster Risk Reduction* also in Japan;

WHEREAS, there is increasing concern and urgent call across the global community for States to fulfill their duties under international and domestic laws to recognize, respect, protect, fulfill, and promote all human rights and fundamental freedoms of women. Thus, valiant efforts of women in politics, just like Senator Legarda, who choose to use their authority to empower other women to abolish the unequal structures and practices that perpetuate discrimination and inequality in the economic, political, social, and cultural life of women, must be commended;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES COMMENDS AND CONGRATULATES SENATOR LOREN B. LEGARDA FOR HER APPOINTMENT AS THE WOMEN IN PARLIAMENTS GLOBAL FORUM AMBASSADOR FOR THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES.

Adopted,

AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III