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RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE COMMISSION ON
HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE OCCASION OF ITS THIRTIETH FOUNDING
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WHEREAS, the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) is the national human rights institution of the Philippines, having been established as an independent office under the 1987 Constitution with the mandate to promote and protect human rights of all Filipinos in the country and overseas;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 163 by President Corazon C. Aquino signed on 05 May 1987, enabled the operationalization of CHR's powers and functions;

WHEREAS, legislative deliberations in the crafting of the Constitution bears record acknowledging that the creation of CHR was imperative to address grave breaches of human rights;

WHEREAS, CHR's mandate has been reiterated and recognized in various laws that bring to the level of domestic implementation, legally binding treaty commitments of the Philippines found in human rights conventions to which it is a State Party, including its role as *Gender Ombud* in Republic Act No. 9710 otherwise known as the *Magna Carta of Women*, a mechanism which draws force from the *United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women*;

WHEREAS, other domestic statutes as Republic Act No. 9262 or the *Anti-Violence against Women and Their Children Act of 2004*, Republic Act No. 9344 or the *Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006*, Republic Act No. 9372 or the *Human Security Act of 2007*, Republic Act No. 9745 or the *Anti-Torture Act of 2009*, underscore the importance of CHR in ensuring that the rule of law is respected by government institutions and officials, observed in legal processes and designed to promote and protect human rights;

WHEREAS, CHR through its Human Rights Advisories, Position Papers, and court interventions in cases of transcendental importance, has contributed to the

national translation within the State's legal system, human rights principles such as the *best interest of children*, including *equality and non-discrimination*;

WHEREAS, CHR through its human rights protection services has provided information on human rights issues and concerns that call on the State to examine its compliance with substantive international human rights norms pertaining to civil and political rights, in particular on issues of enforced disappearances, extrajudicial killings, torture and secret detention places;

WHEREAS, CHR through its cooperation programs has enabled the development and strengthening of cooperation among various stakeholders including the government, civil society groups, non-governmental organizations, and other national institutions in the Southeast Asian region;

WHEREAS, CHR continues to serve as the most credible institutional representative of victims of human rights violations;

WHEREAS, CHR's accomplishments for the past three decades has helped maintain democracy and freedom in the Philippines won by Filipinos as one nation that challenged and overcame tyranny, corruption, and blatant criminality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate recognizes the important role of the Commission on Human Rights in the promotion and protection of human rights and in upholding fundamental freedoms of all Filipinos.

Adopted,


LEILA M. DE LIMA