

SENATE

P.S. Res. No. 543

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Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MARIA TERESITA SSEN L. MARQUEZ FOR HONORING THE COUNTRY WITH THE REINA HISPANOAMERICANA 2017 TITLE ON 4 NOVEMBER 2017 AT SANTA CRUZ, BOLIVIA MAKING HER THE FIRST FILIPINO AND ASIAN BEAUTY QUEEN TO WIN THE CROWN

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has on several occasions paid tribute to outstanding Filipinos for bringing home pride and glory to the country by winning awards in international competitions;

WHEREAS, commenced in 1991, Reina Hispanoamericana is an annual beauty pageant that celebrates the Hispanic heritage, language and culture;

WHEREAS, Miss World Philippines - Reina Hispanoamericana Filipinas 2017 title holder Maria Teresita Ssen L. Marquez made the country proud when she won the Reina Hispanoamericana crown on 4 November 2017 in Santa Cruz, Bolivia besting 26 other candidates;

WHEREAS, though criticized for her inability to speak Spanish, the 25-year old beauty queen cinched victory when asked how she would promote the Hispanic-American culture with the great difficulty or barrier of language;

WHEREAS, Marquez, in her winning answer, stated that she is ready to promote Hispanic ethos not just in Asia but in the whole world and that language is not an obstacle in promoting the culture for it can be learned whilst the resolve to do so must come from the heart;

WHEREAS, Reina Hispanoamericana Maria Teresita Ssen L. Marquez's victory is the first for the country and in Asia as this is the first time we competed in said event;

WHEREAS, by being crowned this year's Reina Hispanoamericana, Maria Teresita Ssen L. Marquez gave Filipinos pride and showed the world the grace, excellence, and beauty that is the Filipina;

WHEREAS, the honor earned by our beauty queen deserves to be commended for the pride and recognition that it brings our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and commend Maria Teresita Ssen L. Marquez for honoring the country with the Reina Hispanoamericana 2017 title on 4 November 2017 in Santa Cruz, Bolivia making her the first Filipino and Asian beauty queen to win the crown.

Adopted,



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI