

SENATE
P. S. Res No. 817

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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES
OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF FILIPINA
HISTORIAN AND WRITER CARMEN GUERRERO NAKPIL

1 WHEREAS, Carmen Guerrero Nakpil was a Filipina historian and writer who
2 was the chairperson of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP)
3 from 1967 to 1971;

4 WHEREAS, on July 30, 2018 and at the age of 96, the former chair of the
5 NHCP passed away due to pneumonia;

6 WHEREAS, Carmen Nakpil championed the marking of historical sites in a
7 rebuilt Manila, circulated calendars of important national events, and popularized the
8 field of history-writing during her time as chairperson of the NHCP;

9 WHEREAS, Carmen Nakpil also chaired the Cultural Committee of the
10 Philippine Commission for the United Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization
11 (UNESCO) from 1967 to 1980 and was elected to the executive board of UNESCO
12 Paris in 1982;

13 WHEREAS, she was also the founding member of the Writer's Union of the
14 Philippines, member of the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women, and
15 the International Association of Historians of Asia;

16 WHEREAS, she was the recipient of numerous writing awards such as the
17 Rizal Pro Patria Medal for Journalism, several National Press Club's journalism
18 awards, and the Journalist of the Year award in 1957, among others;

19 WHEREAS, her most notable works include "Woman Enough and other
20 essays" in 1963, "The Philippines and the Filipinos" in 1977, "Legends and
21 Adventures" in 2007, "Exeunt" in 2008, and her autobiography trilogy "Myself,
22 Elsewhere" in 2006 which won the National Book Award in the same year;

23 WHEREAS, her commitment and dedication to Philippine history served as an
24 inspiration for many Filipinos and she will surely be remembered in the hearts of
25 many Filipino people;

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, AS IT IS HEREBY
27 RESOLVED, expressing the profound sympathy and sincere condolences on the
28 death of Filipina historian and writer Carmen Guerrero Nakpil.

Adopted,


MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY
Senator