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RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF LEGENDARY ACTRESS AND FILM ICON JESUSA SONORA POE, MORE POPULARLY KNOWN AS SUSAN ROCES AND HAILED AS THE "QUEEN OF PHILIPPINE MOVIES"

1 WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines has, on numerous occasions,
2 recognized and honored distinguished Filipinos for their valuable contribution to and
3 remarkable achievements in their respective fields and for their positive influence in
4 the development of our society;

5 WHEREAS, Jesusa Sonora Poe, more popularly known as Susan Roces, a
6 beloved and highly acclaimed Filipino film and television actress whose career spanned
7 seven decades, passed away on the evening of May 20, 2022 at the age of 80 due to
8 cardiopulmonary arrest;

9 WHEREAS, Poe, born on July 28, 1941, started her acting career as a child
10 performer at the age of 10, then landed her first starring role in the film "Boksingera"
11 in 1956, and eventually went on to establish herself as one of the most-sought after
12 lead actresses and a blockbuster superstar who appeared in more than 130 movies.
13 Because of her unparalleled and accomplished career, she is considered as the "Queen
14 of Philippine Movies;"

15 WHEREAS, she is the wife of the late iconic film actor Fernando Poe, Jr.,
16 National Artist for Cinema and considered as the "King of Philippine Movies," with
17 whom she starred in 17 successful landmark movies, including "Daigdig Ko'y Ikaw"

1 (1965), "Zamboanga" (1966), "Perlas ng Silanganan" (1969), "Ikaw ang Lahat sa Akin"
2 (1969), among many others;

3 WHEREAS, she also gave memorable portrayals in numerous television shows,
4 the last of which as *Lola Flora* in the long-running action-drama series "FPJ's Ang
5 Probinsyano," where she imparted cherished Filipino values of love of family and
6 unwavering faith in God to a new generation of audiences;

7 WHEREAS, she demonstrated her fervent love for the industry by becoming a
8 film producer through Rosas Productions and by actively supporting the Movie Workers
9 Welfare Foundation (Mowelfund);

10 WHEREAS, she was a recipient of several acting accolades from prestigious
11 award-giving bodies, including two Best Actress trophies from the Filipino Academy of
12 Movie Arts and Sciences (FAMAS). She was also conferred Lifetime Achievement
13 Awards by the Film Academy of the Philippines (FAP) in 2003 and by FAMAS in 2017,
14 and "Natatanging Bituin ng Siglo" award by the PMPC Star Awards for Movies in 2019.
15 She was also recognized as the one of Philippine Cinema Luminaries by the Film
16 Development Council of the Philippines (FDCP) in 2019;

17 WHEREAS, her contribution to the entertainment industry was also recognized
18 by the Philippine Postal Corporation who immortalized her as one of the ten
19 outstanding Filipinos in the "Living Legends – Outstanding Filipinos Series 1" in 2021
20 aligned with the Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the First Stamp of the Republic
21 of the Philippines and as part of "Salamat: Pagpupugay sa mga Alamat";

22 WHEREAS, her body of work and illustrious career contributed immensely to
23 the enrichment and growth of Philippine Cinema. Her professionalism, passion and
24 dedication to her craft, generosity to colleagues, and commitment to excellence all
25 serve as inspiration and guiding light for the younger generation of artists and creative
26 workers;

27 WHEREAS, her passing is a great loss, not only to the bereaved family, but to
28 the entire nation as well;

29 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to
30 express profound sympathy and sincere condolences of the Senate of the Philippines
31 on the death of legendary actress and film icon Jesusa Sonora Poe, more popularly
32 known as Susan Roces and hailed as the "Queen of Philippine Movies."

Adopted,



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