



S E N A T E

S. Ct. Res. No. 6

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR ZUBIRI

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION GRANTING CONSENT
TO SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE LOREN
LEGARDA TO ACCEPT THE “COMMENDATORE”
TO THE ORDER OF MERIT OF THE ITALIAN
REPUBLIC CONFERRED UPON HER BY THE
ITALIAN REPUBLIC

1 WHEREAS, Senate President Pro Tempore Loren
2 Legarda has dedicated most of her life to public service,
3 having served in the Senate for four terms since 1998;

4 WHEREAS, Senator Legarda has bridged
5 parliamentary relations with other nations to promote
6 cooperation, whether in arts, culture, or trade and
7 economy. In the present 19th Congress, the Senator was
8 elected as the President of the Philippines-European Union
9 (EU) Parliamentary Friendship Association;

1 WHEREAS, Senator Legarda has maintained a strong
2 commitment to supporting Philippine-Italian projects and
3 programs. In 2015, she advocated for the Philippines’
4 return to the Venice Biennale after a 51-year hiatus. The
5 country’s participation in the world’s oldest and most
6 prestigious global art platform has showcased to the world
7 the artistry and ingenuity of our local artists and has
8 revitalized Philippine cultural and artistic expressions. It
9 also fostered the diplomatic exchange of ideas and
10 meaningful discourses that forged a deep relationship
11 between the Philippines and Italy;

12 WHEREAS, in recognition of the Senator’s steadfast
13 efforts in strengthening bilateral ties, as well as the bond
14 of friendship, between the Philippines and Italy, she was
15 conferred the award of “Commendatore” to the Order of
16 Merit of the Italian Republic by decree of the Italian
17 President Sergio Mattarella, through Ambassador Marco
18 Clemente;

19 WHEREAS, the prestigious Order of Merit is the
20 highest-ranking honor system of the Italian Republic and

1 is awarded for “merit acquired by the nation” in the fields
2 of literature, the arts, economy, public service, and social,
3 philanthropic, and humanitarian activities and for long
4 and conspicuous service in civilian and military careers;

5 WHEREAS, Article IX-B, Section 8 of the Constitution
6 provides that “No elective or appointive public officer or
7 employee shall receive additional, double, or indirect
8 compensation, unless specifically authorized by law, nor
9 accept without the consent of the Congress, any present,
10 emolument, office, or title of any kind from any foreign
11 government”: Now, therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives*
13 *concurring,* To grant consent to Senate President Pro
14 Tempore Loren Legarda to accept the “*Commendatore*” to
15 the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic conferred upon
16 her by the Italian Republic and to publicly wear the
17 corresponding insignia of the decoration.

Adopted,