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Introduced by **Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid**

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**RESOLUTION**  
**EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES**  
**OF THE SENATE ON THE DEATH OF DEPARTMENT OF MIGRANT WORKERS**  
**SECRETARY SUSAN "TOOTS" OPLE**

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that the Philippine Senate mourns the passing of Secretary Susan Ople, a dedicated public servant who devoted her life to advocating for the rights and welfare of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs);

WHEREAS, Secretary Susan Ople, following in the footsteps of her illustrious father, the late former Senate President and Labor Minister Blas F. Ople, was an unwavering advocate for the protection and empowerment of OFWs, embodying the legacy of her father's tireless commitment to the Filipino workforce;

WHEREAS, Secretary Ople's lifetime work has left an indelible mark on the nation's efforts to ensure that our OFWs are treated with dignity, respect, and fairness, both in their host countries and here in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Senate acknowledges her pivotal role as the inaugural Secretary of the Department of Migrant Workers, wherein she laid the foundation for an institution committed to safeguarding the rights, interests, and welfare of OFWs;

WHEREAS, her visionary leadership as the first Secretary of the newly formed Department of Migrant Workers demonstrated her deep understanding of the challenges faced by OFWs and her resolute determination to address those challenges head-on;

WHEREAS, Secretary Ople's passion, dedication, and unwavering advocacy have paved the way for significant steps in policies and programs aimed at safeguarding the rights and well-being of our modern-day heroes;

WHEREAS, her strong and compassionate voice resonated not only within the walls of government offices but also across the globe, reminding the world of the vital contributions and sacrifices made by Filipinos working abroad to support their families and contribute to the growth of the Philippine economy;

WHEREAS, Secretary Ople is here honored for her tireless advocacy, selfless dedication, and her role in advancing the cause of overseas Filipino workers;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Philippine Senate, to extend our deepest condolences to the family, friends, and loved ones of Secretary Susan Ople, as we recognize the immense loss that her passing represents for the entire nation;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the family of Secretary Susan Ople as an expression of our heartfelt sympathies, gratitude for her life's work, and recognition of her legacy as a true advocate for the Filipino people.

*Adopted,*

  
**MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID**  
Senator 