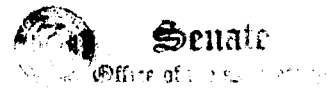


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Introduced by Senator Robinhood Padilla

RESOLUTION

CONDEMNING AUSTRALIAN SENATOR JANET RICE FOR HER UNPARLIAMENTARY BEHAVIOR WHILE PRESIDENT FERDINAND ROMUALDEZ MARCOS, JR. DELIVERED HIS SPEECH BEFORE THE AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT, AND URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO DECLARE HER AS PERSONA NON GRATA

WHEREAS, this year marks the 78th anniversary of the diplomatic relations between the Republic of the Philippines and the Commonwealth of Australia;

WHEREAS, on 28 February 2024, President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos, Jr. arrived in Canberra, Australia, as a Guest of the Australian Government, aiming to strengthen existing bonds of cooperation between the Philippines and Australia;

WHEREAS, President Marcos was invited by Governor General David Hurley to address the Parliament of Australia in Canberra to discuss the vision under the Philippine-Australia strategic partnership;

WHEREAS, on 29 February 2024, during President Marcos' address before the Australian Parliament, Greens Senator Janet Rice engaged in unparliamentary behavior by expressing her dissent through an act of protest during the proceedings;

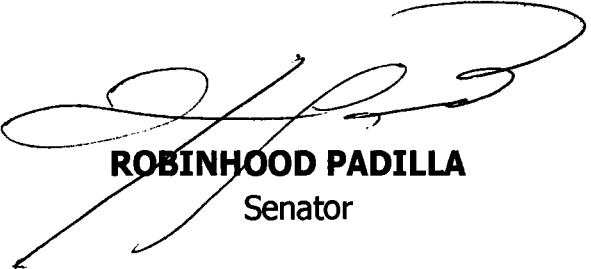
WHEREAS, as reflected in the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Representatives of the Australian Parliament, Senator Rice was directed "to leave the Chamber for disorderly behaviour": Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, To condemn Australian Senator Janet Rice and to urge the Department of Foreign Affairs to declare her as

persona non grata for her unparliamentary behavior during President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos, Jr.'s address before the Australian Parliament in Canberra.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish a copy of this Resolution to the office of Hon. Enrique A. Manalo, Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs, for his information and appropriate action.

Adopted,



ROBINHOOD PADILLA
Senator