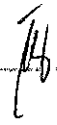


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RESOLUTION

COMMENDING DR. JURGENNE H. PRIMAVERA, A FILIPINO SCIENTIST NAMED ONE OF THE INTERNATIONAL "HEROES OF THE ENVIRONMENT" AND "PROTECTORS OF THE PLANET" IN THE SPECIAL ANNUAL ISSUE OF *TIME* MAGAZINE OF 6 OCTOBER 2008

WHEREAS, *Time* Magazine in the issue of 6 October 2008, named Dr. Jurgenne H. Primavera, a Filipino scientist, as one of the "Heroes of the Environment: for "promoting sustainable seafood farming, and saving mangroves that are equally vital;"

WHEREAS, Dr. Primavera, conducted groundbreaking studies on the life cycles of tiger prawns in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, she helped to galvanize an aquaculture revolution;

WHEREAS, she was a former senior scientist at the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center in Panay;

WHEREAS, she continues to campaign for sustainable fish-farming in order to protect the mangrove forests that act as a crucial buffer zone between land and sea;

WHEREAS, she recommends the simple strategy of saving some mangroves, so that aquaculture shall flourish sustainably;

WHEREAS, she advocates keeping a four-to-one ratio of mangroves to farm ponds, thus protecting nature and allowing aquaculture at the same time;

WHEREAS, she is world-famous for her statement: "People might think the mangroves are just wet trees, but they give us so much. All we have to do is use them;"

WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Philippine Senate to award this official Senate commendation to Dr. Jurgenne H. Primavera as one of the very few internationally recognized Heroes of the Environment and protectors of the planet, particularly the Philippines, to which she has brought honor, and where she serves as role model to all the youth.

Adopted,

  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO