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RESOLUTION NO. 122

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE HONORABLE MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO FOR HER HARD WORK AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SENATE AND THE NATION DURING HER TERMS AS SENATOR

WHEREAS, the Honorable Miriam Defensor Santiago served as senator for three (3) terms of office (1995-2001, 2004-2010 and 2010-2016);

WHEREAS, during her terms as senator, she was instrumental in the enactment of the following significant pieces of legislation: the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act; the Anti-Rape Law; the Rape Victim Assistance and Protection Act; the Intellectual Property Code; the Law Banning Right-Hand Steering Wheel; the Domestic Adoption Act; the Indigenous People's Act; the International Humanitarian Law; the Climate Change Act; the Real Estate Service Act; the Archipelagic Baselines Act; the Renewable Energy Act; the Magna Carta

for Women; the Reproductive Health Act; the Anti-Photo and Video Voyeurism Act; the Sin Tax Reform Act; and the Cybercrime Prevention Act, among others;

WHEREAS, as Chairperson of the Committee on Foreign Relations, she sponsored and successfully secured the concurrence of the Senate in the ratification of a number of important treaties, among which were the following: Treaties for the Protection of Migrant Workers and the Environment; the United Nations Convention Against Corruption; the Japan-Philippines Economic Partnership Agreement (JPEPA); the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response; Extradition Treaties with the United Kingdom, Spain and India; Social Security Agreements with Portugal and Denmark; Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA) Agreement; Establishing the PEMSEA Resource Facilities Center; and the Accession to the Nagoya Protocol;

WHEREAS, she also successfully defended and secured the Senate concurrence in the ratification of the following international treaties: the ASEAN Charter Mutual Legal Assistance Treaties with Spain, Korea and the ASEAN; the Avoidance of Double Taxation Treaties with New Zealand, Japan and the United Arab Emirates (UAE); the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) Headquarters Agreement; the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control; the International Labor Organization (ILO) Convention on Migration for Employment; Rotterdam Convention for the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade;

WHEREAS, as Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Commission on Appointments (CA), she posted the highest number of confirmations of ambassadors, consuls and other high-level officials in the Department of Foreign Affairs;

WHEREAS, considered as the top performer in terms of the number of legislative measures filed by any legislator in history, this incorruptible legislator, with zealous passion and tireless commitment for good governance, strongly advocated for a transparent and accountable government, openly fighting graft and corruption by initiating investigations on the anomalous transactions of the Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF);

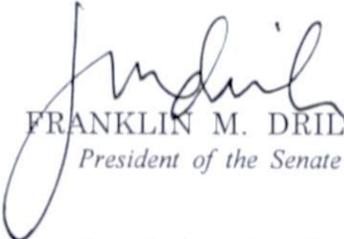
WHEREAS, a strong advocate of women and children's rights, she figured prominently in the enactment of the Reproductive Health (RH) Law, she also filed a bill, entitled:

the "Child Support Act" which seeks to penalize any parent who refuses to support a child and protects single parents, especially women, from being financially abandoned by the child's other parent;

WHEREAS, her invaluable contributions to the 10th, 11th, 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th Congresses have greatly contributed to the remarkable accomplishments of this august Chamber: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, To commend, as it hereby commends, the Honorable Miriam Defensor Santiago for her hard work and dedicated service to the Senate and the nation during her terms as senator.

Adopted,



FRANKLIN M. DRILON
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 6, 2016.



OSCAR G. YABES
Secretary of the Senate

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