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Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

**RESOLUTION**

**EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION OF THE SENATE TO SENATOR LOREN B. LEGARDA FOR HER INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SENATE AND THE FILIPINO PEOPLE DURING HER TERMS AS SENATOR**

**WHEREAS**, Senator Loren B. Legarda, who owns the rare distinction of being the only female senator who topped the senatorial election twice and the only woman senator to be elected as Majority Leader of the Senate, has served as Senator for two (2) consecutive terms (2007-2013; 2013-2019);

**WHEREAS**, during her terms as senator, she served as Chairperson of various key senate committees, such as Finance, Foreign Relations, Cultural Communities, and Climate Change;

**WHEREAS**, as Chairperson of the Committee on Finance, she vehemently but gracefully vouched and defended the inclusion of some important provisions concerning environmental problems, climate change, and heritage conservation in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) of 2017, 2018, and 2019;

**WHEREAS**, a tireless Senator who dedicated her time and energy to serve the Filipino people, she advocated for laws that promote the sustainable and equitable use of natural resources; advance the programs on building community resilience; promote social justice, human rights, peace and cultural diversity; and aim for quality and accessible education, decent employment and livelihood opportunities;

**WHEREAS**, a staunch environmentalist and climate change advocate, she has co-authored and strongly supported the passage of significant environmental laws such as: the Environmental Awareness Education Act of 2008; the Philippine Climate Change Act of 2009; and the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010, which were hailed by the United Nations as among the world's best laws on climate and disaster resilience;

**WHEREAS**, she has always put special interest in protecting the rights and promoting the welfare of women, youth and children and, through her legislative efforts, resulted in the passage of the following measures, to wit: the Magna Carta of Women; the Newborn Hearing and Intervention Act; and the Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2012;

**WHEREAS**, when she was Chairperson of the Committee on Foreign Relations in the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress, the Senate concurred in the ratification of the

several international agreements, that strengthened the Philippine's bilateral relations with various countries and promote the welfare of the Filipinos in the country and abroad notably: the RP-Japan Agreement on Technical Cooperation; the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture; the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) between the Philippines and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; the MLAT between the Philippines and the People's Republic of China; the Status of Visiting Forces Agreement between the Philippines and Australia; the International Labour Organization Convention 189, Convention Concerning Decent Work for Domestic Workers; the Maritime Labour Convention; and the Agreement between the Philippine Government and the UNESCO to establish the Southeast Asian Center for Lifelong Learning for Sustainable Development (SEA CLLSD) in the country;

**WHEREAS**, she has actively advocated for the protection of the rights and promotion of the indigenous peoples' culture, and initiated efforts to liberate them from various forms of discrimination, thus becoming the voice of these Filipinos who continue to embrace their cultural roots and heritage;

**WHEREAS**, for her immeasurable contributions to the Chamber's fruitful achievements during the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Congresses of the Philippines, she truly deserves the recognition and appreciation of the Senate: *Now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED BY THE SENATE**, To express, as it hereby expresses, its gratitude and appreciation to Senator Loren B. Legarda for her invaluable contributions to the Senate and to the Filipino people during her terms as Senator.

**Adopted,**



**JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI**  
Senator