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SENATE

P.S. Res. No. 1296

Introduced by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND HONORING FORMER SENATOR LUISA "LOI" P. EJERCITO ESTRADA FOR HER SERVICE AND INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COUNTRY AND THE FILIPINO PEOPLE

1 WHEREAS, former Senator Luisa "Loi" P. Ejercito Estrada, affectionately called
2 "*Senadora ng Masa*," served as Senator during the 12th and 13th Congresses;

3 WHEREAS, a native of Iba, Zambales, she pursued her dream of becoming a
4 doctor, earning both her Associate in Arts and Doctor of Medicine degrees from the
5 University of Santo Tomas;

6 WHEREAS, her commitment to public service began through her work in
7 government hospitals, such as the San Lazaro Hospital and the National Institute for
8 Mental Health, Davao General Hospital, and St. Martin de Porres Charity Hospital;

9 WHEREAS, as a psychiatrist, she completed her training fellowships at the Royal
10 Park Hospital, Ballarat Mental Hospital, and Ararat Mental Hospital in Australia. Upon
11 her return to the Philippines, she established a mental health department at the Davao
12 General Hospital in Davao City;

13 WHEREAS, although a self-confessed reluctant first lady, she actively supported
14 the underprivileged through the *Masa ang Riwasa ni Erap* (MARE) Foundation, which
15 worked alongside President Estrada's *Erap Para sa Mahirap* Foundation. Under the
16 leadership of her daughter Jackie, the MARE Foundation continues to provide medical
17 and surgical missions and relief services to the underprivileged Filipinos;

1 WHEREAS, in 2001, she was elected to the Senate, holding the distinction of
2 being the first and only former First Lady to serve as Senator;

3 WHEREAS, during her term, she served as the Chairperson of the Committee
4 on Youth, Women and Family Relations and as Chairperson of the Committee on
5 Health in the Commission on Appointments;

6 WHEREAS, she authored multiple bills and resolutions, focusing on the
7 eradication of all forms of violence against women and youth, preventing human
8 trafficking, and fostering the preservation and promotion of family relationships;

9 WHEREAS, Senator Estrada was, in many ways ahead of her time – advocating
10 for mental health long before she entered politics, and successfully sponsoring and
11 defending landmark pieces of legislation as a Senator. Foremost among these are R.A.
12 No. 9208 or The Anti-Trafficking in Person's Act and R.A. No. 9262 or The Anti-Violence
13 Against Women and Children Act, of which she was also a principal author.

14 WHEREAS she successfully sponsored and defended Republic Act No. 9208 or
15 the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act and Republic Act No. 9262 or the Anti-Violence
16 Against Women and Their Children Act;

17 WHEREAS, she was instrumental in the passage of Republic Act No. 9241 or
18 The National Health Insurance Program; Republic Act No. 9211 or the Tobacco
19 Regulation Act; Republic Act No. 9167 or An Act Creating the Film Development
20 Council of the Philippines; Republic Act No. 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous
21 Drugs Act; and Republic Act No. 9275 or the Philippine Clean Water Act;

22 WHEREAS, apart from being a legislator, she continued the "*Doktora Loi*" brand
23 of public service through the conduct of medical missions all over the country;

24 WHEREAS, this dedication to public service is shared by Senator Estrada with
25 her husband, Former President Joseph Ejercito Estrada and their three (3) children,
26 who to this day, lead lives of service to the country and the Filipino masses;

27 WHEREAS, Senator Estrada's career demonstrates her profound dedication to
28 public service that is neither constricted by the walls of government offices nor
29 beckoned by publicity or fanfare. As a true servant of the people, driven by both

1 passion and duty, she rose to the national stage, fulfilling her commitment to serve
2 the nation and to advocate for the rights and welfare of the Filipino masses: Now,
3 therefore, be it

4 *Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines,* To commend and honor former
5 Senator Luisa "Loi" P. Ejercito Estrada for her service and invaluable contributions to
6 the country and the Filipino people.

Adopted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive script that appears to be the name of the official who adopted the resolution.