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SENATE

P. S. RES. NO. <u>1298</u>

Introduced by Senator JOEL VILLANUEVA

RESOLUTION

HONORING THE HONORABLE LUISA "LOI" P. EJERCITO ESTRADA, FORMER FIRST LADY AND SENATOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE NATION

WHEREAS, the Honorable Luisa "Loi" P. Ejercito Estrada served as the country's First Lady from 1998 to 2001 and senator from 2001 to 2007;

WHEREAS, a doctor by profession, she advocated for the establishment of healthcare facilities, including centers on women's health and nutrition, and the installation of dialysis machines in all hospitals. She also conducted various medical missions all over the country, prioritizing far-flung and marginalized areas;

WHEREAS, during her tenure as First Lady of the republic, she reached out to the most remote barangays to bring medicine and other forms of assistance;

WHEREAS, as senator, Ejercito Estrada chaired the Committee on Youth, Women, and Family Relations and led the passage of two landmark pieces of legislation aimed at eradicating all forms of violence and exploitation and protecting the youth and women – Republic Act No. 9208 or the "Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003" and Republic Act No. 9262 or the "Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004":

WHEREAS, as vice chairperson of the Committee on Health and Demography, she was instrumental in the passage of Republic Act No. 9241, which sought to strengthen the National Health Insurance Program; Republic Act No. 9211 or the "Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003"; Republic Act No. 9165 or the "Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002"; and Republic Act No. 9275 or the "Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004";

WHEREAS, during her term as senator, Ejercito Estrada authored more than 100 bills and resolutions on health, women and youth empowerment, education, environment, electoral reforms, and peace and order, among others;

WHEREAS, Ejercito Estrada has dedicated her life to champion the marginalized sectors, equal opportunity for women, and protection of children and the elderly, pushing for reforms to narrow the inequality in social and economic opportunities. Her principled advocacies contributed significantly to the betterment of the lives of the Filipino people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to honor the Honorable Luisa "Loi" P. Ejercito Estrada, former First Lady and Senator of the Republic of the Philippines, for her dedicated service to the nation.

Adopted,

JOEL VILLANUEVA