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Introduced by Senator MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID

RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF
THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF MS. REGINA PAZ
"GINA" L. LOPEZ, FORMER SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has recognized civil servants who has rendered valuable service to the Filipino people with the utmost integrity, honesty, professionalism, and competence;

WHEREAS, Ms. Regina Paz "Gina" L. Lopez was a true warrior and advocate for the protection and preservation of our environment;

WHEREAS, Ms. Gina Lopez, as Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, unflinchingly defended and championed the cause of Mother Earth especially in the aspects of strengthening the enforcement of our mining laws and spearheading an unprecedented nationwide audit of all mining contracts. She likewise served as Chairperson of the Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission from 2010-2019;

WHEREAS, prior to her stint as environment chief, Ms. Lopez became known for her work in the rehabilitation of the Pasig River and La Mesa Watershed. Also, as an advocate for children's rights, she also founded the Bantay Bata 163, a helpline devoted to reports of cases of child abuse;

WHEREAS, Ms. Lopez was the 1997 International Public Relations Awardee for Excellence for the Environment and the 2009 Outstanding Manilan Awardee for the Environment;

WHEREAS, Ms. Lopez became the First Filipino to be awarded the prestigious Seacology Prize on October 5, 2017 at Berkeley, California for showing "exceptional achievement in preserving island environments and culture" having fought for the rights of our island communities;

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2019, Ms. Lopez has joined the Lord, leaving behind a lasting legacy of caring for the environment and securing the right of the Filipino people to a balanced and healthful ecology;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for the Senate of the Philippines to honor and commemorate the late Ms. Regina Paz "Gina" L. Lopez for her great service, achievements and contributions for the Filipino people as an environmental advocate, philanthropist and Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and convey the Senate's profound sympathy and sincere condolences to the family of Ms. Lopez.

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator