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**RESOLUTION  
EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES  
OF THE SENATE ON THE DEATH OF MS. MARIA AZUCENA "MANAY ICHU"  
VERA-PEREZ MACEDA, THE PIONEER OF THE PHILIPPINE FILM  
INDUSTRY**

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Maria Azucena "Manay Ichu" Vera-Perez Maceda, the matriarch of the Philippine film industry, died today, September 7, 2020 at the age of 77 years old;

**WHEREAS**, Manay Ichu devoted her life to the development of the Philippine film industry, hailing from the family who owned Sampaguita Pictures, which is one of the biggest film productions in the Philippines founded in 1937. She is the impetus in the foundation of the Movie Workers Welfare Foundation (Mowelfund), The Metro Manila Film Festival (MMFF), the Film Academy of the Philippines (FAP), the Philippine Motion Pictures Producers Association (PMPPA) and the Experimental Cinema of the Philippines (ECP);

**WHEREAS**, Manay Ichu is the driving force and was very instrumental in the creation of the Film Development Council of the Philippines (FDCP) where she headed the International Film Festival Committee (IFFCOM). She worked

closely with the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media during its Committee hearings on the bill creating the FDCP and until it was brought to the floor for its passage with then committee chairman, Senator Vicente C. Sotto III as the principal author and sponsor of the said bill;

**WHEREAS**, her passion and dedication to the industry also reflected in her fine body of work as a producer of the highly acclaimed and quintessential films such as *Dyesebel*, *Batch '81*, *Just Married 'Do Not Disturb'* (1972), *Umibig ay di biro* (1964) and *Always in My Heart* (1971);

**WHEREAS**, she is the loving wife of Senate President Ernesto "Ernie" Madarang Maceda and is survived by her five sons Emmanuel, Ernesto Jr., Erwin, Edmond, and Edward Maceda;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to express profound sympathy and sincere condolences of the Senate of the Philippines on the death of Ms. Maria Azucena "Manay Ichu" Vera-Perez Maceda, icon, pioneer and matriarch of the Philippine film industry;

**RESOLVED, FURTHER**, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the bereaved family of the late Ms. Maria Azucena "Manay Ichu" Vera-Perez Maceda.

Adopted,

  
**VICENTE C. SOTTO III**