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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 301

Introduced by Representatives **ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO**,
FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ and **BIENVENIDO M. ABANTE, JR.**

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE REGINA PAZ "GINA" L. LOPEZ, FORMER SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE PASIG RIVER REHABILITATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, a champion for the environment, culture, and children's rights and protection, Ms. Regina Paz "Gina" L. Lopez passed away on August 19, 2019 at the age of 65;

WHEREAS, after attending Newton College of the Sacred Heart in Boston, Massachusetts, Gina, as she was fondly called by her family and friends, joined a global spiritual and social service organization called Ananda Marga with its core belief "*Service to humanity is service to God;*"

WHEREAS, after twenty years of serving as yoga missionary in Portugal, India and Africa, Ms. Lopez went back to the Philippines and started working as the chairperson of the ABS-CBN Foundation International and its socio-civic programs which include Lingkod Kapamilya Bantay Bata 163, Bantay Kalikasan, Operation Sagip and others;

WHEREAS, she was also the vice-chairperson of ABS-CBN Bayan Foundation which provides microfinance assistance to micro-entrepreneurs and chairman emeritus of Southeast Asian Children's Television;

WHEREAS, in 2010, Ms. Lopez was appointed by then President Benigno S. Aquino as the chairperson of the Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission for her efforts in rehabilitating 17 *esteros* along the Pasig River;

WHEREAS, in June 2016, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte appointed her as Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources where she imposed high standards of responsibility on the mining industry and ensured transparency and better governance of the mining resources by requiring the conduct of mining audit;

WHEREAS, after her stint as the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources, she continued her advocacies on the environment by hosting a show on ABS-CBN entitled "*G Diaries*," which focused on environmental conservation, area development and innovations;

WHEREAS, a hugely popular and driven philanthropist, environmentalist, and humanitarian, Ms. Lopez was bold and fearless in her advocacies, which served as an inspiration to many, a personification of their hopes for a clean and healthy environment with sustainable natural resources for all;

WHEREAS, for her exceptional achievement in preserving environments and culture, she became the first Filipino to be awarded the prestigious Seacology Prize on October 5, 2017 at Berkeley, California;

WHEREAS, Ms. Lopez dedicated her life to public service with unyielding passion and devotion, and her passing is truly a great loss to her family, friends, the underprivileged, and all those whose lives she touched: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To express the profound condolences of the House of Representatives to the family of Honorable Regina Paz "Gina" L. Lopez, former Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and Chairperson of the Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That a copy of this Resolution be given to the bereaved family of the deceased.

Adopted,



ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO *



BIENVENIDO M. ABANTE, JR.



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