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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. _____

Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE ERIC L. OLIVAREZ

**A RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF
FORMER SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
REGINA PAZ "GINA" LOPEZ**

WHEREAS, Former DENR Secretary Gina Lopez has passed away on August 19, 2019 at the age of 65;

WHEREAS, Regina Paz La'O Lopez was a Filipino environmentalist and philanthropist who served as Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in an ad interim basis under President Rodrigo R. Duterte;

WHEREAS, Former Secretary Lopez was the daughter of ABS-CBN Chairman Emeritus Eugenio Lopez, Jr. of Iloilo and Conchita La'O of Manila; and was born on December 27, 1953 in Manila;

WHEREAS, Former Secretary Lopez went to Assumption College and Newton College of the Sacred Heart in Boston (which was later integrated into Boston College). She held a Master's degree in Development Management from the Asian Institute of Management;

WHEREAS, Former Secretary Lopez left her privileged life in Manila and became a missionary for twenty dedicated years and

lived in Portugal, India, and Africa, and lived the dictum 'Service to humanity is service to God';

WHEREAS, she was instrumental and initiated corporate social responsibility programs for the environment and Filipino communities, e.g., "Bantay Bata 163" which was awarded by the United Nations Grand Awardee for Excellence in 1997; "Bantay Kalikasan", "Sineskwela", which was awarded the UNESCO Kalinga Award, and "Bayanijuan" ;

WHEREAS, she also served as the Vice-Chairperson of the ABS-CBN Bayan Foundation, that provides microfinance assistance to micro-entrepreneurs. She was also the Chairman Emeritus of the Southeast Asian Children's Television;

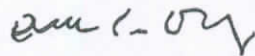
WHEREAS, the former Secretary Lopez is better known as a staunch and dedicated environmentalist, and was known for her work in rehabilitating the Pasig River and La Mesa Watershed, the "Save Palawan Movement, and other similar programs and projects;

WHEREAS, as an environmentalist, she was awarded the prestigious "Seacology Prize" on October 5, 2017, recognizing her exceptional achievement in preserving island environments and culture;

WHEREAS, she has fought for the Philippines environment and gave island communities their voice in the decisions that affect their natural resources and their lives." She was also cited for establishing the first ever consultations between the government and indigenous groups in the Philippines and for banning open-pit mining;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as it is **HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives to express our deepest condolences on the demise of former chief DENR Gina Lopez.

ADOPTED.


ERIC L. OLIVAREZ