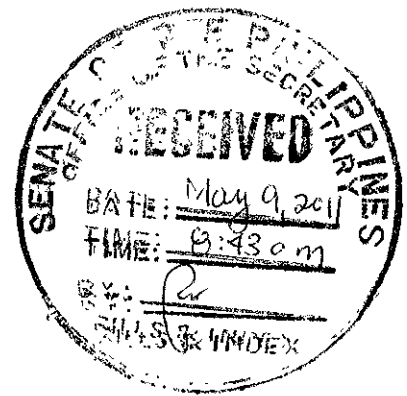


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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO JEWELLERY DESIGNERS CHERRIE MARIE G. IPAPO, MANUELITO KNOI ESMANE, SHAMAINE NG AND EVELYN BUENCHUA FOR EMERGING VICTORIOUS AT THE OPEN CATEGORY OF THE 8TH INTERNATIONAL SOUTH SEA PEARL JEWELLERY DESIGN COMPETITION AWARDED ON 7 MARCH 2011 DURING THE 2011 HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL JEWELRY SHOW IN HONG KONG, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has in several occasions paid tribute to exemplary Filipinos for their outstanding achievements in bringing home pride and honor to the country by becoming champions in international competitions;

WHEREAS, Filipino jewellery designers Cherrie Marie G. Ipapo, Manuelito Knoi Esmane, Shamaine Ng and Evelyn Buen-Chua made the country proud when they emerged victorious in different categories of the open category at the 8th International South Sea Pearl Jewellery Design Competition awarded on 7 March 2011 during the 2011 Hong Kong International Jewelry Show at the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre in Hong Kong, People's Republic of China;

WHEREAS, the International South Sea Pearl Jewellery Design Competition is an annual contest organized by the South Sea Pearl Consortium, an international non-profit organization founded in 1995 and committed to the education of jewellery designers and retailers, as well as consumers, on the special qualities of the South Sea cultured pearls and to the promotion of South Sea pearls throughout the world, and is open to both students (Student Group), and jewellery industry practitioners and professional jewellery designers (Open Group);

WHEREAS, this year's competition lured in more than 700 designs from all over the world with designers competing in 7 different categories;

WHEREAS, Filipino jewellery designer Cherrie Marie G. Ipapo dominated the Bracelet category of the Open Group with a Gold award for her exquisite wrap bangle in yellow gold, white gold, ebony hardwood, diamonds and South Sea pearl entitled "Unwrapped";

WHEREAS, Filipino jewelry virtuoso Manuelito Knoi Esmane is the only designer in the competition who took home two distinctions, to wit: two Silver awards in the Brooch and Necklace/Pendant categories of the Open group with his ingenious creations entitled "Genesis" and "Eternal Love Pendant", respectively;

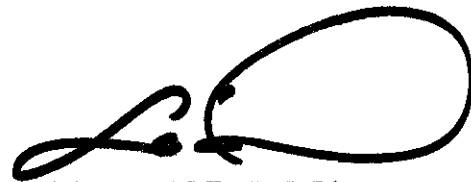
WHEREAS, Shamaine Ng and Evelyn Buen-Chua took home a Silver and Bronze award in the Bracelet and Earrings categories of the Open group, respectively;

WHEREAS, by emerging victorious in this jewelry design competition, these Filipino artists have made our country proud and have shown to the world the spirit of Filipino competitiveness and excellence;

WHEREAS, this outstanding performance by our Filipino artists deserve to be commended for the honor and recognition they have brought to our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved to congratulate and commend Filipino jewellery designers Cherrie Marie G. Ipapo, Manuelito Knoi Esmane, Shamaine Ng and Evelyn Buen-Chua for emerging victorious at the open category of the 8th International South Sea Pearl Jewellery Design Competition awarded on 7 March 2011 during the 2011 Hong Kong International Jewelry Show in Hong Kong, People's Republic of China.

Adopted,

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MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator

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Whereas, based on the PNP twelve-year period data from 1997-2009, abuse by an intimate partner accounts for 45.5% of all violent against women cases nationwide;⁵

Whereas, The Body Shop International estimates that 1.8 to 3.2 million children in the Philippines are exposed to domestic violence and suffer the traumatic effects for the rest of their lives, and this number escalates year after year.⁶ Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Senate Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations and other appropriate committees, to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the implementation of Republic Act 9262 or the Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004 amidst the rising trend in documented/reported cases since its passage.

Adopted,


MANNY VILLAR

⁵Philippine Commission on Women. (2010). Statistics on violence against Filipino women. <http://womensphere.wordpress.com/2009/02/14/domesticviolence-up-in-2008-in-the-philippines>.

⁶ Behind Closed Doors, The Impact of Domestic Violence on Children, UNICEF in partnership with The Body Shop International, 2006