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## **SENATE**

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## Introduced by Senator JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI

## RESOLUTION

HONORING AND REMEMBERING JUSTICE LEONOR INES LUCIANO FOR HER ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTION TO PHILIPPINE SOCIETY AND NATION-BUILDING

WHEREAS, on 29 April 2011, the country lost one of its icons in nation-building and women empowerment, Justice Leonor Ines Luciano who passed away after succumbing to cardiac arrest at the age of 91;

WHEREAS, Justice Luciano, as she was respectfully called by many, served in the government service for more than half a century and devoted most of her adult-life to civic works and women empowerment;

WHEREAS, in her 57 years in government service, Justice Luciano served as a school teacher, Judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals and as Representative of the Women Sector in the House of Representatives during the Ninth and Tenth Congresses;

WHEREAS, Justice Luciano was also involved in many advocacies and sociocivic works such as leading the 4H Club of the Philippines, the Rural Improvement Club and as National Chairman and long-time Governor of the Philippine Red Cross to help the youth, rural communities and people in distress to be secure and to attain their full development potential;

WHEREAS, Justice Luciano as a young woman championed the role of women in the economy that was highlighted by being awarded "Farmer of the Year" in 1951 due to her outstanding rice production at 100 cavans per hectare surpassing the norm of 40 cavans per hectare;

WHEREAS, Justice Luciano has immensely contributed to women empowerment and protection of women's legal rights as a lawyer and as two-time president of the Catholic Women's League, president of the National Council of Women in the Philippines and as a guiding light of other non-government organizations;

WHEREAS, Justice Luciano promoted a high standard of morality receiving the highly-prized awards of "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" from Pope Paul VI in 1975 and the Mother Teresa Award in 2001;

WHEREAS, Justice Luciano was a real trailblazer as a student, a member of the Judiciary, civic leader and legislator deserving the coveted University of the Philippines Lifetime Distinguished Achievement Award given during the Centennial Celebration of the University of the Philippines in 2008;

WHEREAS, Justice Luciano will be sorely missed by many as her life is a meaningful testimony to dedicated public service and socio-civic works that should serve as an inspiration to our present crop of public servants and socio-civic workers for many generations to come.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines honors and remembers Justice Leonor Ines Luciano for her achievements and contribution to Philippine Society.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that a copy of this Resolution be given to the family of the late Justice Luciano.

Adopted,

JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI