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RESOLUTION

**COMMENDING SENATOR LOREN LEGARDA FOR HAVING BEEN
RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY FOR
DISASTER REDUCTION AS A HERO OF RESILIENCE**

WHEREAS, the United Nations observes the International Day for Disaster Reduction (IDDR) every 13th day of October of the year to raise awareness about disaster risk reduction and to engage various stakeholders in efforts to build disaster resilience;

WHEREAS, this year's theme of the IDDR, *Women and Girls - the [in]Visible Force of Resilience*, aims to appreciate and acknowledge women's contribution to "protect and rebuild their communities before and after disasters";

WHEREAS, the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) recognizes women who are in the forefront of efforts in many communities all over the world, naming them as "Heroes of Resilience";

WHEREAS, Senator Loren Legarda is the only Filipino and one of only few women across the globe recognized as Heroes of Resilience for advocating disaster resilience in the country and in the South East Asia, thus giving honor to the Philippines;

WHEREAS, she was lauded for pushing for the passage of the Philippine Climate Change Act and Philippine Disaster Reduction and Management Act;

WHEREAS, as Chair of the Committee on Climate Change, she has organized regional workshops for local governments to engage various stakeholders in translating national laws, policies, and plans into local action;

WHEREAS, Senator Legarda started as a lone voice in the wilderness decades ago with her advocacy on good environmental governance, authoring landmark environmental laws, such as the Clean Air Act and the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act;

WHEREAS, in 2008, the UNISDR appointed her as its Regional Champion for Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaption for Asia and the Pacific for her visionary leadership, unrelenting passion and unparalleled success in mobilizing various sectors towards action;

WHEREAS, included also in the roster of UNISDR's Heroes of Resilience is the late Professor Wangari Maathai of Kenya, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate in 2004 and a UN Messenger of Peace on the environment and climate change in 2009, who empowered communities, especially women and girls, through the Green Belt Movement, a broad-based grassroots organization she founded which focuses on poverty reduction and environmental conservation through tree planting;

WHEREAS, the recognition given to Senator Legarda is both an honor and a challenge to the whole nation to continue and strengthen its efforts for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation;

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to commend Senator Loren Legarda for having been recognized by the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction as a Hero of Resilience.

Adopted,


JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA
Senator