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Republic of the Philippines
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RESOLUTION No. 101

RESOLUTION COMMENDING GOVERNOR GRACE
PADACA FOR EXEMPLIFYING THE TRUE
SPIRIT OF GOOD GOVERNANCE, AND FOR
BEING BESTOWED WITH THE RAMON
MAGSAYSAY AWARD FOR GOVERNMENT
SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Ramon Magsaysay Award is bestowed upon individuals and organizations working in Asia who manifest greatness of spirit in service to the peoples of Asia and who prove to be exemplars of selfless leadership, whose lives and work make Asia truly a better place;

WHEREAS, the Ramon Magsaysay Award has been considered as Asia's highest honor and is regarded as the Nobel Prize of Asia;

WHEREAS, in the five decades of Ramon Magsaysay Award's existence, two hundred fifty-four (254) individuals and seventeen (17) organizations have been named Ramon Magsaysay awardees, including some of Asia's great humanitarians, community leaders, intellectuals, and artists;

WHEREAS, Governor Padaca has been named as an awardee of the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Government Service, for having empowered voters in her province to reclaim their democratic right to elect leaders of their own choosing, and to contribute as full partners in their own development;

WHEREAS, Isabela Governor Grace Padaca is the only Filipino this year to receive the 2008 Ramon Magsaysay Award;

WHEREAS, as the hard-hitting "Bombo Grace", she discussed over local radio wide-ranging issues affecting the people and exposed the Isabela's intractable economic, social and environmental issues;

WHEREAS, in a Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation advertisement in the *Business World* dated August 1-2, 2008, Governor Padaca was cited for having successfully paid off two-thirds of the province's enormous accumulated debts; widened medical coverage; undertook a much-appreciated price subsidy program for rice and corn farmers; and increased the budgets for education and reforestation;

WHEREAS, over the past four (4) years, Governor Padaca has received a string of awards, including "Woman of Courage" from the US State Department; First CEO Excel Award from the International Association of Business Communicators; "One of the Exemplary Women in Politics and Governance" award from the Barangay-Bayan Governance Consortium; *Parangal Para sa Mararangal from the Krusadang Bayan Laban sa Jueteng*; and the "2004 Woman of the Year" award from *Kilosbayan*, among others;


WHEREAS, now on her second term, Governor Padaca stays in close touch with her constituents and remains focused on accelerating their progress;

WHEREAS, Governor Padaca, fondly dubbed "Amazing Grace" by her constituents, deeply moved the Filipinos with accounts of her struggles brought about by her disability and courage to fight, win and serve the public with great humility and diligence which has tremendously created great impact;


WHEREAS, Governor Padaca indeed exemplifies the true spirit of good governance with a sincere concern for the people, which all leaders must inculcate in their being: Now, therefore, be it

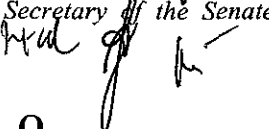
Resolved by the Senate, To commend, as it hereby commends, Governor Grace Padaca for being awarded the 2008 Ramon Magsaysay Award for Government Service in recognition of her invaluable and dedicated service to the nation, and for demonstrating the true spirit of good governance.

Adopted,


MANNY VILLAR
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 13, 2008.


EMMA LIRIO-REYES
Secretary of the Senate



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