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RESOLUTION No. 50

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF  
MOHTARMA BENAZIR BHUTTO, AND  
CONDEMNING HER ASSASSINATION

WHEREAS, *Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto* was the first woman and youngest Prime Minister of Pakistan, a position she served twice;

WHEREAS, during her stint as Prime Minister, *Bhutto* advocated women's social and health issues, and rallied against laws and practices discriminating against minorities, women, and children in her country;

WHEREAS, her policies of modernizing and democratizing Pakistan were always met with opposition from religious

fundamentalist groups and right-wing conservatives in the government;

WHEREAS, Bhutto was an active and founding member of the Council of Women World Leaders, a network of current and former prime ministers and presidents;

WHEREAS, she was removed from her office in both terms by two different Pakistani Presidents on grounds of alleged corruption but was never tried nor found guilty of such charges in a court of law;

WHEREAS, Bhutto went into self-imposed exile in Dubai in 1998 where she continued to advocate the restoration of democracy in Pakistan;


WHEREAS, Bhutto returned from exile in the later half of 2007 amid death threats;

WHEREAS, Bhutto was assassinated on 27 December 2007, after departing from a political rally in the Pakistani city of Rawalpindi, two weeks before the scheduled Pakistani general elections of 2008 where she was a leading opposition candidate;


WHEREAS, in her death, the world lost a great leader, an advocate of women's rights, a vanguard of democracy, a staunch reformer, and champion of the poor: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To honor the life and achievements of Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto and to condemn her assassination.*

Adopted,

  
MANNY VILLAR  
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on  
January 30, 2008.

  
EMMA LIRIO-REYES  
*Secretary of the Senate*  
