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**A RESOLUTION
HONORING THE MEMORY OF SENATOR MIRIAM DEFENSOR-SANTIAGO
ON HER PASSING**

WHEREAS, Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago, at a young age, always displayed academic excellence, graduating as *magna cum laude* from the University of the Philippines Visayas with a bachelor's degree in Political Science;

WHEREAS, she became the first female editor-in-chief of the student newspaper, *The Philippine Collegian*;

WHEREAS, she graduated *cum laude* from the UP College of Law, and attended the University of Michigan Law School, where she earned her degrees in Master of Laws and Doctor of Juridical Science;

WHEREAS, she served all three branches of government, first entering public service as a special assistant to the Secretary of Justice, and later as Immigration Commissioner, and Agrarian Reform Secretary;

WHEREAS, she was appointed as judge of the Regional Trial Court of Quezon City, where she became known for disposing the highest number of cases in her first year in office;

WHEREAS, her service as RTC judge during martial law earned her several awards for judicial excellence;

WHEREAS, she became a three-term Senator, who fought for many advocacies, including women's rights, health, education, environment, and human rights;

WHEREAS, during her term as Senator, she constantly filed the most number of bills and resolutions;

WHEREAS, Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago holds the distinguished accomplishment of being one of the few public officials who rendered full and meaningful service in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government;

WHEREAS, Sen. Defensor-Santiago became known as the "Iron Lady of Asia," for her fearless leadership and unquestionable honesty and integrity;

WHEREAS, Sen. Defensor-Santiago was a legal luminary, an expert of constitutional law, and a champion of human rights, who inspired many to render true and genuine service to our country;

WHEREAS, she was the epitome of woman empowerment, who was a trailblazer in the legal profession and government service which were traditionally the domain of males;

WHEREAS, Sen. Defensor-Santiago succumbed to lung cancer on the morning of 29 September 2016;

WHEREAS, her contributions and achievements not only to public service, but to Philippine history, deserve to be recognized, and her outstanding public service be honored and emulated;

WHEREAS, her passing is a great loss to our nation, but her life and work will continue to inspire generations of Filipinos;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to honor the memory of Senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago on her passing.

Adopted.



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Senator