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## ARESOLUTION

## EXPRESSING DEEP SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCE OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF FORMER SENATOR MIRIAM DEFENSOR-SANTIAGO

WHEREAS, on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2016, the country expressed its mourning of the demise of former Senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago, an esteemed and accomplished member of the Philippine Senate who served the institution for eighteen years, from 1995-2001 and from 20014-2016;

WHEREAS, Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago is not just a seasoned legislator but also served the Executive as Immigration Commissioner and Secretary of the Agrarian Reform, and the Judiciary as Regional Trial Court Judge of Quezon City;

WHEREAS, her exceptional brilliance and knowledge of the law has brought honor to the Philippines when she was elected in the United Nations as judge of the International Criminal Court, the first Filipino and the first Asian from a developing country to earn the position. Her legal brilliance and wit, academic accomplishments and contributions to the country and to the legal profession, has earned her the title as the "Iron Lady of Asia";

WHEREAS, we lost, but will never forget, a national treasure with the demise of Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago. Her intellect, fire and colorful character will be forever missed in the halls of the Senate and the institutions that she served;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY REOLVED** by the Senate of the Philippines to express its deep sympathy and sincere condolence on the death of Senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago.

Adopted,

**JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO**