





1       **WHEREAS**, a distinguished educator, she taught a wide array of  
2 courses such as English Literature, French, Spanish, Comparative  
3 Literature, Humanities, and Social Psychology; and served as a faculty  
4 member of the University of the Philippines, as Dean of the College of  
5 International Humanitarian and Development Studies of Miriam  
6 College, and also as Dean of the Graduate School of the Lyceum of the  
7 Philippines;

8       **WHEREAS**, a notable personality in the international arena, she  
9 held various positions in the Philippine Foreign Service, remarkably as  
10 the first woman Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Romania and  
11 to the Commonwealth of Australia; in the United Nations, as the  
12 Chairperson of the United Nations Commission on the Status of  
13 Women, as Assistant Secretary-General for Social Development and  
14 Humanitarian Affairs, as Secretary-General of the Seventh Congress on  
15 Crime Prevention and Treatment of Offenders in Milan, Italy, and of the  
16 Third World Conference on Women in Nairobi, Kenya; and after the  
17 1986 People Power Revolution, she was appointed Deputy Minister for  
18 Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines;

19       **WHEREAS**, an esteemed Senator, she held various key positions  
20 in the Senate such as Chairperson of the Committees on Social Justice,  
21 Welfare and Development; Women and Family Relations; Agriculture;  
22 Foreign Affairs; and Education, Culture and Arts; as member of the  
23 Commission on Appointments; and as Senate President Pro Tempore,  
24 the first woman to be elected thereto;

25       **WHEREAS**, an accomplished lawmaker, she was instrumental in  
26 the enactment of quality legislative measures that gave emphasis on  
27 education, economics, and natural resources and environmental  
28 protection, foremost of which are R.A. 7356, which created the  
29 National Commission for Culture and the Arts; R.A. 7227, otherwise  
30 known as the "Bases Conversion and Development Act"; R.A. 7157,  
31 otherwise known as the "Philippine Foreign Service Act of 1991"; R.A.  
32 6725, which strengthens the prohibition of discrimination against  
33 women in the workplace; R.A. 8505, otherwise known as the "Rape  
34 Victim Assistance and Protection Act of 1998"; R.A. 8550, otherwise  
35 known as "The Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998"; and R.A. 6977,  
36 otherwise known as the "Magna Carta for Small Enterprises"; she was  
37 likewise credited for initiating and advocating for the Moral Recovery  
38 Program aimed at integrating ethical values into nation building and  
39 governance;

1           **WHEREAS**, a women's rights advocate in the Senate, she  
2 successfully introduced the mandatory five percent allocation in the  
3 annual General Appropriations Act for gender-responsive projects in  
4 accordance with R.A. 7192, otherwise known as the "Women in  
5 Development and Nation Building Act";

6           **WHEREAS**, an unrelenting public servant, after her tenure in the  
7 government, she continued campaigning for the upliftment of the  
8 people, such as establishing the Shahani Gatas ng Kalabaw Products,  
9 Inc., a dairy processing and marketing entity for pasteurization and  
10 packaging of fresh carabao's milk and "kesong puti" in Pangasinan,  
11 providing much needed extra income for farmers in the locality as well  
12 as in the neighboring local government units;

13           **WHEREAS**, her passing is a great loss not only to her bereaved  
14 family and loved ones but also to the entire Filipino nation;

15           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE,**  
16 To express, as it hereby expresses, its profound sympathy and sincere  
17 condolences on the death of the Honorable Leticia Ramos-Shahani,  
18 former Senator (1987-1998) and Senate President Pro Tempore (1993-  
19 1996);

20           **RESOLVED FURTHER**, That a copy of this Resolution be  
21 furnished to the family of former Senator Leticia Ramos-Shahani.

*Adopted,*

  
**AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III**