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SENATE
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Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III

RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND
SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE ON THE DEATH OF
THE HONORABLE EVA ESTRADA KALAW,
FORMER SENATOR (1965-1971; 1971-1972)

WHEREAS, the Honorable Eva Estrada Kalaw, a former Senator (1965-1971; 1971-1972), a former Member of the Batasang Pambansa representing the City of Manila (1984-1986), born on June 16, 1920 in Murcia, Tarlac, passed away on May 25, 2017 at the age of 96;

WHEREAS, she was a daughter to Demetria Reynada and Dr. Salvador Estrada, a wife to Teodoro Kalaw, Jr., a mother to Maria Eva, Teodoro III, Salvador, and Valerio, and a "Lola Eva" to her many grandchildren and great grandchildren;

WHEREAS, a passionate learner and social worker, she obtained her degree in education from the University of the Philippines and later pursued post-graduate studies in social work. To share her knowledge, she taught at the Far Eastern University, National Teachers College, and Centro Escolar University. For her humanitarian work during World War II, she was cited as an "Outstanding Volunteer Social Worker" by President Jose P. Laurel in 1954;

WHEREAS, an esteemed civic leader, she founded and became the first President of Philippine Jayceettes; founded and chaired, among others, the Samahang Filipina, the first national grassroots organization of women that sought greater female participation in government and brought about her election as the third woman senator in 1965;

WHEREAS, an accomplished Senator, she chaired the Committee on Games, Amusement, and Tourism during the Sixth Congress, and later

on the Committee on Education, where she made possible the enactment of several landmark pieces of legislation, including R. A. 4670, or the *Magna Carta for Public School Teachers*; R. A. 5168, or the *Public School Teachers' Salary Standardization Law*; R. A. 5416, creating what will eventually be the Department of Social Welfare and Development; R. A. 5447, creating a special education fund; R. A. 6014, or the *Student's Loan Fund Authority*; R. A. 6139, or the *Tuition Fee Regulation Act*; and R. A. 6054, or the *Barrio High School Charter*;

WHEREAS, a fighter for freedom and democracy, she was severely injured in the bombing of Plaza Miranda on August 21, 1971 at the height of a political campaign rally. Because of her courage, achievements, and reputation for independence, she became the first woman Senator to be re-elected where she served in the Seventh Congress until the declaration of Martial Law by President Ferdinand Marcos on September 21, 1972. She became one of the major voices against the dictatorial regime for which she was imprisoned twice for false charges. For her exemplary commitment to freedom, she was awarded the Sixth Mahatma Gandhi Freedom Award on April 2, 1985;

WHEREAS, an untiring public servant, she was the Chairperson of the Manila Economic and Cultural Office (MECO), the country's representative office in Taiwan that promotes trade, investment, and scientific and cultural cooperation, as well as provides assistance to Filipinos therein;

WHEREAS, her passing is a great loss to the nation and the Filipino people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, To express, as it hereby expresses, its profound sympathy and sincere condolences to the bereaved family and relatives of the Honorable Eva Estrada Kalaw, former Senator (1965-1971;1971-1972);

RESOLVED FURTHER, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the family of former Senator Eva Estrada Kalaw.

Adopted,


AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III