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Introduced by Senators Pangilinan, Drilon, Trillanes, Aquino, and Hontiveros

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING SENATOR LEILA M. DE LIMA FOR BEING AWARDED AS ONE OF FOREIGN POLICY'S "50 LEADING GLOBAL THINKERS OF 2017" AND FOR BEING BESTOWED THE "PRIZE OF FREEDOM AWARD" BY LIBERAL INTERNATIONAL IN RECOGNITION OF HER STEADFAST AND UNFALTERING DEDICATION IN UPHOLDING THE RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE

WHEREAS, Foreign Policy, a United States-based global news magazine, is a publication that gives voice to alternative views on foreign policy;

WHEREAS, since 2011, Foreign Policy recognizes the world's preeminent thought leaders and public intellectuals through publishing their merits in its annual issue, "Leading Global Thinkers";

WHEREAS, the influential magazine is known to award individuals who "step in to ease the suffering of others, especially in today's world where challenging strains of populism seem to be redefining the new normal" and "serve as reminders that humanity has the power to hold leaders to account, to defy corrupt regimes, and to provide one another opportunity and solace when states cannot"¹;

WHEREAS, a year ago, on 12 December 2016, Foreign Policy, upon recognizing her valiant effort as a steadfast advocate for the rule of law by strongly opposing the rampant spate of extrajudicial killings (EJKs) in our country, conferred the Global Thinker Award under the sub-category "Challenger" to Senator Leila M. De Lima in Washington, D.C.²;

WHEREAS, for the second consecutive year, the magazine has named detained Senator De Lima as one of its Leading Global Thinkers for 2017, commending her "unfettered criticism" of the current administration and for "openly defying President Duterte and his brutal war on drugs and paying the price with her freedom"³;

¹ The FP Group. *Global Thinkers*. Retrieved from: <https://fpgroup.foreignpolicy.com/transformational-trends-and-global-thinkers/>. Accessed on: 07 December 2017

² Tagala, Don. (13 December 2016). ABS-CBN News. *De Lima receives award for standing up against Duterte*. Retrieved from: <http://news.abs-cbn.com/news/12/13/16/de-lima-receives-award-for-standing-up-against-duterte>. Accessed on: 06 December 2017

³ Ballaran, Jhoanna. (05 December 2017). Inquirer.net. *US magazine again cites De Lima as a global thinker*. Retrieved from: <https://globalnation.inquirer.net/162880/news-foreign-policy-leila-de-lima-drugs-shabu-new-bilibid-prisons-leading-global-thinkers>. Accessed on: 06 December 2017

WHEREAS, Liberal International, the global federation of liberal political parties aimed at strengthening liberalism around the world⁴, also accorded Senator De Lima its highest human rights honor – the Prize for Freedom Award, last November 2017⁵;

WHEREAS, since 1985, the Prize for Freedom has been awarded annually by Liberal International to “honor an individual who has made an exceptional contribution to the advancement of human rights and political freedoms” and who has “... made outstanding efforts for the defence of freedom and human rights during the year”⁶;

WHEREAS, she now belongs to the privileged list of notable recipients of the prestigious award, that includes the imprisoned Saudi liberal blogger Raif Badawi (2016), South African anti-apartheid activist and liberal politician Helen Suzman (2002), Hong Kong’s “Father of Democracy” Martin Lee (1996), and President Corazon Aquino, who fought for freedom during the Marcos regime (1987)⁷;

WHEREAS, apart from these aforementioned awards, Senator De Lima was also named by Time Magazine as one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World as one of the Icons, and she was recognized as one of Amnesty International’s Women Human Rights Defenders early this year ⁸;

WHEREAS, through these international platforms, Senator De Lima has been paving the path for laudable advocacies and campaigns to end gross violations of human rights, including the massive extrajudicial killings related to the administration’s “war on drugs”;

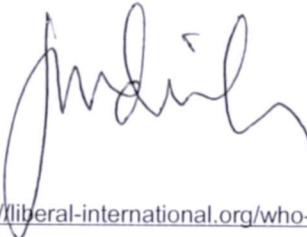
WHEREAS, due recognition of Senator De Lima’s achievements is in order as she continues to embody the Filipino’s admirable resiliency and strength of character and spirit despite the continued vilification and personal attacks to silence her;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved that the Senate of the Philippines congratulate and commend Senator Leila M. De Lima for being awarded as one of Foreign Policy’s “50 Leading Global Thinkers of 2017” and for being bestowed the “Prize of Freedom Award” by Liberal International in recognition of her steadfast and unfaltering dedication in upholding the rights and dignity of the Filipino people.

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⁴ Liberal International. *Our Mission*. Retrieved from: <https://liberal-international.org/who-we-are/our-mission/>. Accessed on: 09 December 2017

⁵ Dela Peña, Kurt Adrian and Sy, Marvin. (02 November 2017). Philstar Global. *Group to confer freedom award on De Lima*. Retrieved from: <http://www.philstar.com:8080/headlines/2017/11/02/1754838/group-confer-freedom-award-de-lima>. Accessed on: 09 December 2017

⁶ Liberal International. *Prize for Freedom*. Retrieved from: <https://liberal-international.org/what-we-do/awards-and-prizes/prize-for-freedom/>. Accessed on: 07 December 2017

⁷ *Ibid.*

⁸ Uy, Jocelyn and Tubeza, Philip. (06 December 2017). Inquirer.net. *Int'l magazine names De Lima anew as a Leading Global Thinker*. Retrieved from: <http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/950171/intl-magazine-names-de-lima-anew-as-a-leading-global-thinker>. Accessed on: 06 December 2017