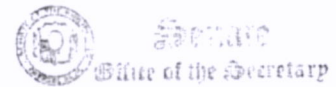


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Introduced by **SENATOR LEILA M. DE LIMA**

RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE FILIPINO WOMAN ON THE OCCASION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AND NATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY ON MARCH 8, FOR FULFILLING HER INDIVIDUAL ROLE IN NATION-BUILDING, AND COLLECTIVELY MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN GENDER EQUALITY, WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT, AND SOCIAL PROGRESS

1 *WHEREAS*, Article II, Section 14 of the Constitution states in part that “[t]he
2 State recognizes the role of women in nation-building”;

3 *WHEREAS*, pursuant to Republic Act No. 6949, the eighth day of March of
4 every year is a working special holiday known as National Women’s Day;

5 *WHEREAS*, Proclamation No. 224 s. 1988 provides that the first week of March
6 of every year is celebrated as Women’s Week;

7 *WHEREAS*, the same states that March 8 of every year shall be known as
8 Women’s Rights and International Peace Day;

9 *WHEREAS*, Proclamation No. 227 s. 1998 also provides for the observance of
10 Women’s Role in History every March;

11 *WHEREAS*, March 8 is celebrated as International Women’s Day to recognize
12 women “for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic,
13 linguistic, cultural, economic or political”¹;

¹ History of the International Women’s Day. Retrieved from
<http://www.un.org/en/events/womensday/history.shtml>. Accessed 28 February 2018.

1 *WHEREAS*, the theme for this year’s month-long celebration in the Philippines
2 is “We Make Change Work For Women”²;

3 *WHEREAS*, the Senate has, in the past, paid tribute to outstanding and
4 exemplary Filipinos;

5 *WHEREAS*, on the occasion of the 2018 National Women’s Month and
6 International Women’s Day, it is opportune to recognize and highlight the
7 accomplishments of outstanding women who have contributed to the fulfillment of
8 women’s human rights, gender equality, women’s empowerment, and social progress;

9 *WHEREAS*, due recognition must be given to the following women, for being
10 prime movers and achievers in their respective fields:

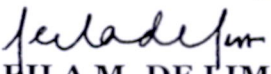
- 11 1. Her Excellency Rosario G. Manalo, member of United Nations
12 Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women
13 (CEDAW);
- 14 2. United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
15 Victoria Tauli-Corpuz;
- 16 3. United Nations Special Rapporteur on Internally Displaced Peoples
17 Cecilia Jimenez-Damary;
- 18 4. United Nations Independent Expert on Human Rights and International
19 Solidarity Virginia Dandan;
- 20 5. The late Supreme Court Justice Florida Ruth Romero;
- 21 6. The late Senator Eva Estrada Kalaw;
- 22 7. The late Senator Leticia Ramos-Shahani; and
- 23 8. The late Senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago.

24 *WHEREAS*, due recognition must be given, equally, to all our heroic Filipinas
25 who work overseas in different sectors, including domestic services, the healthcare
26 industry, military and police, education, medicine, law, informal economy, religious
27 work, and every woman who devoted her life to look after and care for her family;

² 2018 National Women’s Month Celebration. Retrieved from <http://pcw.gov.ph/WomenMakeChange2018>.
Accessed 27 February 2018.

1 ***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY***
2 ***RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES***, to recognize and honor
3 the Filipino Woman on the occasion of International Women’s Day and National
4 Women’s Day on March 8, for fulfilling her individual role in nation-building, and
5 collectively making a difference in gender equality, women’s empowerment, and social
6 progress.

Adopted,


LEILA M. DE LIMA