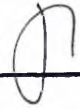


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Introduced by **Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid**

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**RESOLUTION**  
**EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF**  
**THE SENATE ON THE DEATH OF LYDIA DE VEGA-MERCADO, WIDELY**  
**RECOGNIZED AS THE "ASIA'S SPRINT QUEEN"**

**WHEREAS**, Lydia De Vega, Asia's Sprint Queen in the 1980s, passed away on August 10, 2022 at the age of 57;

**WHEREAS**, De Vega was once recognized as the fastest woman in Asia, after winning two gold medals in 100-meter sprint event of the Asian Games, one in 1982 held in India and one in 1986 held in South Korea;

**WHEREAS**, Asia's former track queen earned four Asian Athletics Championships – two in 1983 held in Kuwait and two more in 1987 held in Singapore;

**WHEREAS**, De Vega was a two-time Olympian, having represented the Philippines in the 1984 Los Angeles Summer Games and the 1988 Seoul Summer Games;

**WHEREAS**, De Vega is a nine-time Southeast Asian Games gold medalist in Track and Field<sup>1</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, De Vega is still the SEA Games record holder in 100m (11.28secs) since 1987;

**WHEREAS**, De Vega was former SEA Games record holder in 200m sprint (23.37secs) from 1987 – 2001;

**WHEREAS**, De Vega was a former SEA Games record holder in Long Jump (6.27m) from 1987 – 1989;

**WHEREAS**, De Vega retired at the age of 30 at the 1994 Manila-Fujian Games<sup>2</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, De Vega is one of the most decorated Filipino athletes in history after she brought home numerous medals in the Track and Field;

**WHEREAS**, in 1993, De Vega was one of the awardees of the Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM);

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, De Vega was inducted to the Philippines Hall of Fame by the Philippine Sports Writer Association;

**WHEREAS**, De Vega has transcended her sport. She became the ambassador not only for sports and fitness to our nation, but for our country to the sporting world;

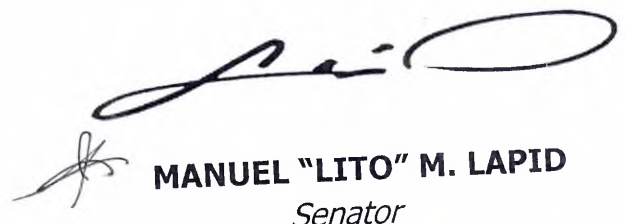
**WHEREAS**, the untimely death of one of the most decorated athletes in the country and a legend of track and field, who offered significant and invaluable contributions to the Philippines, is a loss not only to the Filipino nation but for the whole international sporting community;

**WHEREAS**, by her life, Lydia De Vega has inspired generations of Filipino athletes who saw in her the endless possibilities for those who choose to dedicate their lives for the glory of our country regardless of their humble beginnings;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, the Senate expresses the profound sympathy and sincere condolences on the death of Lydia De Vega-Mercado, widely recognized as the "Asia's Sprint Queen."

**RESOLVED, FURTHER**, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of the late Lydia De Vega - Mercado.

*Adopted,*

  
**MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID**  
*Senator*