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

RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES
OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH AND HONORING
THE LIFE OF LEGENDARY SINGER AND FILIPINA ICON SYLVIA LA TORRE

WHEREAS, Sylvia La Torre, a Filipina singing and cinematic icon, hailed as the "First Lady of Philippine Television" and the "Queen of Kundiman", passed away peacefully in her sleep on the 1st of December, 2022, in the presence of her family, she was 89 years old;

WHEREAS, Sylvia La Torre is an icon of Philippine singing and Television, she was born on June 4, 1933, and was a scholar of the University of Santo Tomas' Conservatory of Music;

WHEREAS, Sylvia La Torre wrote and recorded over 300 songs in her lifetime, she began her career in the 1950s and has since been an intergenerational inspiration to her fellow artists, she is popularly known as the "Queen of Kundiman";

WHEREAS, her artistry has transcended through time and has inspired fellow artists that we also consider icons today, her classics such as "Waray Waray", "Your Face Sounds Familiar", "Sa Kabukiran", and "Mutya ng Pasig" and many other songs have been adapted and performed by the likes of Freddie Aguilar and Elizabeth Ramsey and many more artists who had her as their role model;

WHEREAS, Sylvia La Torre was not only a musical icon, she was also a cinematic treasure, she made films with Sampaguita Pictures and Seiko Films, starring in "Ang Maestra" in 1941, and in "One Two Bato, Three Four Bapor", with film icons such as Eddie Garcia and many more;

WHEREAS, Sylvia La Torre was known as the First Lady of Philippine Television, she became a household name in the 1950s and 1960s after hosting the popular show, "Oras ng Ligaya";

WHEREAS, La Torre was a true artist in every sense of the word, her immeasurable contributions to Philippine Folk and Popular music are unparalleled;

WHEREAS, Sylvia La Torre was a one of a kind multi-faceted artist who dedicated her life to her craft, in turn becoming a source of inspiration for the Artists of the next generation, proving that one can do more than they think;

WHEREAS, the whole nation mourns the passing of one of its icons, whose legacy has given the country pride, her legend will live on and has inspired generations of upcoming singers, composers, and actors;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to express the profound sympathy and sincere condolences of the Senate of the Philippines on the death and honoring the life of legendary singer and Filipina icon Sylvia La Torre.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of the late Sylvia La Torre

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator