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RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF SINGER AND ACTRESS SYLVIA LA TORRE DE TAGLE, QUEEN OF KUNDIMAN AND FIRST LADY OF PHILIPPINE TELEVISION

1 WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines, has consistently recognized and paid
2 tribute to remarkable Filipinos with invaluable contribution to the development of
3 society and nation building;

4 WHEREAS, Sylvia Reyes La Torre-de Tagle, legendary singer, veteran stage
5 and film actress, television host, and accomplished Filipino artist, passed away
6 peacefully in her sleep last December 1, 2022 at the age of 89;

7 WHEREAS, the daughter of artist Leonora Reyes and director Olive La Torre,
8 the coloratura soprano was hailed as the country's "Queen of Kundiman" during the
9 1950s and 1960s for her unforgettable and heartfelt rendition of hundreds of Filipino
10 love songs, folk classics and novelty tunes under Bataan Records and Villar Records,
11 including "Maalaala Mo Kaya," "Mutya ng Pasig," "Sa Kabukiran," "Sa Libis ng
12 Nayon," "Waray-Waray," "Alembong," "Arimunding-Munding," "Galawgaw," and
13 many others;

14 WHEREAS, she was also acknowledged as the "First Lady of Philippine
15 Television" in the 1960s with her memorable hosting stint in the long-running early
16 evening variety show "Oras ng Ligaya" and appearances in numerous television
17 programs;

1 WHEREAS, she was born in 1933 and began her eight decades-long career in
2 the entertainment arts at the young age of five upon winning a local singing
3 competition in Manila;

4 WHEREAS, she appeared in her first film "Ang Maestra" in 1941 at seven
5 years old. She eventually made her stage debut years later, became a regular
6 performer at the Manila Grand Opera House and vaudeville shows, and pursued
7 acting in movies until the 1990s, thereby successfully making her mark in all fields of
8 Philippine entertainment;

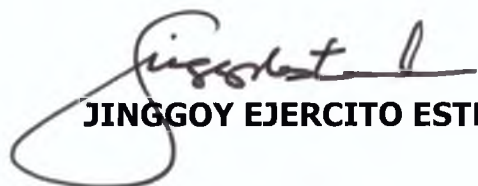
9 WHEREAS, she constantly advocated for the preservation and promotion of
10 Philippine music. She was a recipient of Excellence in Music award conferred by the
11 Filipino American Symphony Orchestra in 2017. She is also a recipient of Tandang
12 Sora Award, which is given to outstanding women in recognition of their contribution
13 in the field of social work, women empowerment, and community and social
14 development;

15 WHEREAS, the Philippine entertainment scene and the entire nation mourn
16 the loss of a veteran artist, music icon, trailblazing entertainer, and a pioneer for
17 female Filipino performers;

18 WHEREAS, her rich legacy of outstanding performances and recording of
19 original Filipino music, as well as her passion and dedication to the arts greatly
20 contributed to the growth and development of Philippine arts and culture;

21 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate,
22 to express its profound sympathy and sincere condolences of the Senate of the
23 Philippines on the death of of singer and actress Sylvia La Torre de Tagle, Queen of
24 Kundiman and First Lady of Philippine Television.

Adopted,


JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA