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RESOLUTION NO. 112

RESOLUTION HONORING AND REMEMBERING
FIDELA M. MAGPAYO, MORE POPULARLY
KNOWN AS "TIYA DELY", THE FIRST LADY
OF PHILIPPINE RADIO, FOR HER
UNPARALLELED ACHIEVEMENT AND
CONTRIBUTION IN THE HISTORY OF
PHILIPPINE BROADCAST MEDIA

WHEREAS, on 01 September 2008, the country lost one of its pillars in the broadcast media when Fidela Mendoza Magpayo, more popularly known as Tiya Dely, passed away after succumbing to stroke;

WHEREAS, Tiya Dely, considered as the First Lady of Philippine Radio, started her career in broadcast media in 1940 when she was 18 years old at kzRH radio station, now known as DZRH;

WHEREAS, during the Japanese occupation Tiya Dely did not stop from engaging in public service and providing comfort to our citizens through the airwaves, especially in war time and period of uncertainty;

WHEREAS, Tiya Dely dispensed advice in her motherly fashion to all especially to the delinquent youth and wayward adults, that in turn taught her listeners forgiveness and reconciliation;

WHEREAS, Tiya Dely answered queries with honesty and confidence drawn from her own experience and her advice became a moral compass to those who had marital crises, moral issues and personal problems;

WHEREAS, through a life marked with modesty in language and manners, devotion to family and friends, and love of God, Tiya Dely steadfastly worked for the preservation of Filipino moral values despite the pervasive influence of Western culture, drug and other vice-related turmoil;

WHEREAS, aside from providing entertainment for her listeners, the programs of Tiya Dely also offered valuable information to the public on family values and relations, health, law and governance, among others;

WHEREAS, she pushed for the correct and proper use of the Filipino language and advocated the preservation of traditional Filipino values of respect, honor, and love in the advice that she gave to her listeners;

WHEREAS, in 1986, according to media accounts, it was Tiya Dely's voice that was first heard on air over DZMM when ABS-CBN reopened after the EDSA Revolution;

WHEREAS, Tiya Dely was one of the few media practitioners who worked in all broadcast media - radio, movies and television, as well as on stage as a leading lady in the Manila Grand Opera House;

WHEREAS, while on deck in the radio booth of DZRH, Tiya Dely suffered a stroke, an unassailed proof of her dedication to her profession and love for the broadcast industry;

WHEREAS, Tiya Dely's love for her profession is worthy of emulation by professionals not only in the media but also by workers in public service;

WHEREAS, Tiya Dely devoted sixty-eight (68) years of her life to public service through the broadcast media, an

outstanding achievement in itself which is hard to surpass or even equal;

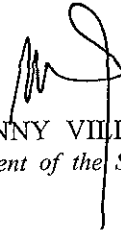
WHEREAS, Tiya Dely's achievement and contribution in the history of Philippine Broadcast Media has been recognized by various prestigious award-giving bodies and media organizations, among them the PAMA-AS Gintong Bai (Centennial Women) from the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, Gawad Plaridel from the University of the Philippines' College of Mass Communications, and Lifetime Achievement Award from the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas (KBP);

WHEREAS, it is but proper that the greatest recognition and appreciation be given to our Tiya Dely, the Dorothy Dix of the Philippines, wife of the late Colonel Leonor Reyes, a war veteran; mother to Violeta, Delia and Leonor Jr.; advocate for the preservation of Filipino values; devout Catholic and philanthropist; and one of the very few who worked and shined in all media - stage, radio, motion picture and television: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved, That the Senate of the Philippines honor and remember Fidela M. Magpayo, more popularly known as "Tiya Dely", the First Lady of Philippine Radio, for her unparalleled achievement and contribution in the history of Philippine Broadcast Media.

Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be given to the family of Tiya Dely.

Adopted,



MANNY VILLAR
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 3, 2008.



EMMA LIRIO-REYES
Secretary of the Senate