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RESOLUTION NO. 115

RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. GUNDELINA
VELAZCO FOR BEING THE RECIPIENT OF
THE PRESTIGIOUS 2008 INTERNATIONAL
HUMANITARIAN AWARD FROM THE
AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the American Psychological Association (APA), is a Washington-based nongovernmental organization, enjoying special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and also has relations with the Department of Public Information of the United Nations;

WHEREAS, the APA confers the International Humanitarian Award to recognize extraordinary humanitarian services and activism by psychologists, including professional

and/or volunteer work conducted primarily in the field with underserved populations;

WHEREAS, recipients of the award are psychologists who, by their extraordinary service at a difficult time, improve the lives and contribute to the well-being of people in a large or small geographic area anywhere in the world;

WHEREAS, one of the two recipients of the 2008 International Humanitarian Award from the APA is a Filipino psychologist, Dr. Gundelina Velazco;

WHEREAS, Dr. Velazco is the first Filipino to be the recipient of the International Humanitarian Award;

WHEREAS, Dr. Velazco is currently the Director of Aftercare for Justice for Children International (JFCI), a US-based NGO working towards the abolition of child exploitation and trafficking;

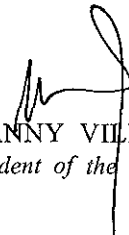
WHEREAS, Dr. Velazco, a member of the British Psychological Society, was also a recipient of the "*Pamana ng Pilipino Presidential Award*" in 2004 for outstanding achievements in her field as an international counselling psychologist working with street children;

WHEREAS, Dr. Velazco was formerly the chair of the Psychological Department of the De La Salle University and a former consultant to the Department of Social Welfare and Development;

WHEREAS, the excellence and commitment of Dr. Velazco serve as an exemplar in showing the valuable role Filipinos play not only in their respective communities in the United States, but in various parts of the world: Now, therefore, be it


Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To commend Dr. Gundelina Velazco for being the recipient of the 2008 International Humanitarian Award from the American Psychological Association.

Adopted,



MANNY VILLAR
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 8, 2008.



EMMA LIRIO-REYES
Secretary of the Senate

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