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RESOLUTION NO. 140

RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. JURGENNE H. PRIMAVERA, A FILIPINO SCIENTIST, FOR BEING NAMED AS ONE OF THE INTERNATIONAL *"HEROES OF THE ENVIRONMENT"* AND *"PROTECTORS OF THE PLANET"* IN THE SPECIAL ANNUAL ISSUE OF *TIME* MAGAZINE OF 6 OCTOBER 2008

WHEREAS, *Time* Magazine in the issue of 6 October 2008, named Dr. Jurgenne H. Primavera, a *Filipino scientist*, as one of the "Heroes of the Environment: for promoting sustainable seafood farming, and saving mangroves that are equally vital";

WHEREAS, Dr. Primavera conducted groundbreaking studies on the life cycles of tiger prawns in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, she helped to galvanize an aquaculture revolution;

WHEREAS, Dr. Primavera was a former senior scientist at the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center in Panay;

WHEREAS, she continues to campaign for sustainable fish-farming in order to protect the mangrove forests that act as a crucial buffer zone between land and sea;

WHEREAS, Dr. Primavera also recommends the simple strategy of saving some mangroves, so that aquaculture shall flourish sustainably;

WHEREAS, she advocates keeping a four-to-one (4:1) ratio of mangroves to farm ponds, thus protecting nature and allowing aquaculture at the same time;
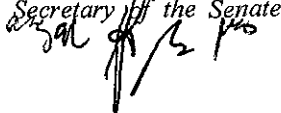
WHEREAS, she is world-famous for her statement: *"People might think the mangroves are just wet trees, but they give us so much. All we have to do is use them"*: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Philippine Senate, To award this official commendation to Dr. Jurgenne H. Primavera for being named as one of the very few internationally recognized *"Heroes of the Environment"* and *"Protectors of the Planet"*, representing the Philippines, to which she has brought honor, and serves as a role model to all the youth.

Adopted,

MANNY VILLAR
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on October 9, 2008.

EMMA LIRIO-REYES
Secretary of the Senate

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