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RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION OF LORETO PARAS SULIT TO THE UPLIFTMENT OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE THROUGH MORE THAN FORTY-ONE (41) YEARS OF MOST OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RED CROSS

WHEREAS, Loreto Paras Sulit began her noble and outstanding career serving the government as a teacher in 1930;

WHEREAS, she later on entered the Red Cross Service in June 1946, after carving a name for herself in Philippine Literature and receiving numerous awards for her short stories which are included in anthologies of Filipino writing: WHEREAS, while in the service, she was named as editor of the *Philippine Junior Red Cross Magazine*, where she helped create awareness of the history and fundamental principles of the Red Cross among the youth;

WHEREAS, for all her efforts as a persevering teacher and social worker, she was made the Director of the Junior Red Cross in 1950 and the Director of Fund Raising in 1959;

WHEREAS, she was then elected as Assistant Secretary General in 1962, a position which she held concurrently with the directorship of the Junior Red Cross;

WHEREAS, finally, in 1968, she was chosen as the Secretary General of the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC), a position which she ably occupied for a decade;

WHEREAS, at the helm of the operations of the PNRC, she endeavored to establish linkages with other Red Cross Societies to learn new concepts and management styles, and acquire state-of-the-art technology;

WHEREAS, she likewise institutionalized the rank and file employees and volunteers of the PNRC, instilling in them dignity and integrity in service and the noble objective of alleviating human suffering;

WHEREAS, having realized the importance of the media to raise awareness and convey the Red Cross message, she cultivated relations with the media and was instrumental in solidifying the good image of the Red Cross;

WHEREAS, her efforts to propagate the ideals of the Red Cross were followed by an outpour of support from all sectors of society, especially in times of disasters and after calls for bloodletting;

WHEREAS, this demonstration of generosity resulted in six (6) American-owned land donations to the PNRC when the Laurel-Langley Agreement expired;

WHEREAS, at the time when the country was ravaged by typhoon Yoling, Mrs. Sulit facilitated the movement of donations and relief goods to improve the condition of those affected by the calamity; WHEREAS, all these contributed in no small degree to the unprecedented growth and development of the PNRC as a humanitarian organization within her thirty (30) solid years of selfless and dedicated service to the cause of the Red Cross;

WHEREAS, a Red Cross Gold Service Cross awardee and a public servant with great wisdom and foresight to serve and guide not only the less fortunate but also the PNRC employees and volunteers all over the country, Loreto Paras Sulit also earned the admiration and full respect not only of the Board of Governors whom she had worked with, but also of the people whom she met in the International Movement;

WHEREAS, for leaving behind a legacy of excellence in management and humanitarian service, Loreto Paras Sulit stands out as a role model who rightly deserves the honor to be proclaimed as the "Grand Lady of the PNRC Management" and to be awarded, for the first time in PNRC history, the Lifetime Achievement Award on 14 April 2000 as a fitting recognition of her exemplary and most outstanding Red Cross Career: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To recognize the invaluable contribution of Loreto Paras Sulit to the upliftment of the Filipino people through more than forty-one (41) years of most outstanding service in the Philippine National Red Cross.

Adopted,

MANNY VILLAR President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 7, 2008.

EMMA LIRIO REYES

Secretary of the Senate