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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 426



Introduced by **HON. GUS S. TAMBUNTING**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING ITS
DEEPEST SYMPATHIES AND PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF
FORMER SENATOR MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO**

Whereas, the Honorable Miriam Defensor Santiago was born on June 15, 1945 in Iloilo City;

Whereas, Senator Santiago was one of the most intellectually brilliant leaders that the country has ever seen, being a valedictorian from elementary and high school, magna cum laude in college and cum laude in the University of the Philippines College of Law; she also had a degree in Masters of Law and Doctor of Juridical Science from the University of Michigan;

Whereas, Senator Santiago has been dubbed as the "Iron Lady of Asia" for her no-nonsense drive against graft and corruption when she served in all the three branches of the Philippine government – judicial, executive, and legislative - in various capacities;

Whereas, Senator Santiago brought honor to the country when she became the first Filipina and the first Asian from a developing country to be elected a judge of the International Criminal Court. She later resigned the post, citing chronic fatigue syndrome, which turned out to be lung cancer. In 2016, she became part of the International Advisory Council of the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), an intergovernmental body that promotes the rule of law;

Whereas, she was a Magsaysay Awardee for Government Service (Asian equivalent of the Nobel Prize) for "bold and moral leadership in cleaning up a graft-ridden government agency" and was named as one of "the 100 Most Powerful Women in the World" by the Australian Magazine;

Whereas, Senator Santiago has sponsored or authored important laws such as the Reproductive Health Act, Biofuels Law, Renewable Energy Law, Sin Tax Law, Magna Carta of Women, Anti-Photo and Video Voyeurism Act, Philippine Act on Crimes Against International Humanitarian Law, Genocide, and Other Crimes Against Humanity, Cybercrime Law; Seatbelt Law, Exact Change Act, Philippine Standard Time

Act, Motorcycle Helmet Act, Kasambahay Law, Anti-Bullying Law, Archipelagic Baselines Law, and Climate Change Act;

Whereas, Senator Santiago worked hard, diligently and tirelessly until the end of her term in June 2016;

Whereas, Senator Santiago was a loving wife, devoted mother, academician, professor, author, speaker and her passing marks the loss of an outstanding politician and staunch fighter of graft and corruption;

Whereas, the Honorable Miriam Defensor Santiago quietly passed away on September 29, 2016 at the age of 71;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, the House of Representatives expresses its deepest sympathies and profound condolences to the family of the late Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of the deceased.

Adopted,



GUS S. TAMBUNTING