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Introduced by Representatives **LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA**, 4th District, Bulacan, **ROSE MARIE ARENAS**, 3rd District, Pangasinan, **IMELDAA CALIXTO-RUBIANO**, Lone District, Pasay City, **ELIZA KHO**, 2nd District, Masbate, **GWENDOLYN GARCIA**, 3rd District, Cebu, **JULIETTE UY**, 2nd District, Misamis Oriental, **EMERENCIANA DE JESUS**, GABRIELA Partylist, **BERNADETTE HERRERA-DY**, BH Partylist, **CHERYL DELOSO-MONTALLA**, 2nd District, Zambales, **EVELINA ESCUDERO**, 1st District, Sorsogon, **LORNA SILVERIO**, 3rd District, Bulacan, **JOSEPHINE SATO**, Lone District, Occidental Mindoro, **ROSANNA VERGARA**, 3rd District, Nueva Ecija, **SOL ARAGONES**, 3rd District, Laguna, **GERALDINE ROMAN**, 1st District, Bataan, **MARIA CRISTINA PUNO**, 1st District, Antipolo City, **FLORIDA ROBES**, Lone District, San Jose del Monte, **YEDDA MARIE ROMUALDEZ**, 1st District, Leyte, **ESTRELLITA SUANSING**, 1st District, Nueva Ecija, **GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, 2nd District, Pampanga, **PIA CAYETANO**, 2nd District, Taguig, **MERCEDES ALVAREZ**, 6th District, Negros Occidental, **IMELDA MARCOS**, 2nd District, Ilocos Norte, **HENEDINA ABAD**, Lone District, Batanes, **CORAZON NUÑEZ-MALANYAON**, 1st District, Davao Oriental, **BELLAFLOR ANGARA-CASTILLO**, Lone District, Aurora, **VILMA SANTOS-RECTO**, 6th District, Batangas, **MYLENE GARCIA-ALBANO**, 2nd District, Davao City, **MARIA CARMEN S. ZAMORA**, 1st District, Compostela Valley, **BAI SANDRA SEMA**, 1st District, Maguindanao, **ANA CRISTINA GO**, 1st District, Isabela

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE FORMER SPEAKER JOSE DE VENECIA JR. FOR BEING APPOINTED AS A SPECIAL ENVOY TO APEC AND SPECIAL CONCERNS

WHEREAS, the former Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. is privileged to return in the service of Government and the Filipino people with the announcement of Malacañang Palace on May 9, 2017 of his appointment as Special Envoy;

WHEREAS, he was appointed by President Rodrigo R. Duterte as Special Envoy for Inter-Cultural Dialogue, a new post at the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) from April to September 2017 at no cost to the Government;

WHEREAS, he will serve to advise the Administration on policies regarding geopolitical, cultural and current inter-civilizational diversity and delicate special

concerns, and on the need for citizen participation under the espousals of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO);

WHEREAS, before he entered politics, he was the first Philippine prime contractor in the Middle East and North Africa in the mid-1970s that eventually led to the employment of millions of Filipinos, helped dramatically enlarged Philippine dollar reserves, killed the blackmarket in foreign exchange, with reserves dramatically rising from a total then of only about \$200-million to some US \$80-billion today, and with earnings from overseas workers now exceeding \$25-billion a year. He also engaged in port operations in Saudi Arabia, agriculture in Africa, mass housing and the first Filipino oil exploration effort in the United Arab Emirates. He was a diplomat, a Minister-Economic Counselor from 1966-1969 in Saigon during the Vietnam War. He was Ambassador-at-Large and was peace envoy during the Ramos administration in the Arab world, negotiating with then Libyan leader Monmar Qaddafi and Muslim rebel leader Nur Misuari;

WHEREAS, he is the first and only Filipino so far who has held the Speakership position five times in separate terms. He served as Speaker from 1992-1995; 1995-1998; 2001-2004; 2004-2007; and 2007-2008. His experience, incisive initiatives, analysis and dissection of the Philippine economy as well as foreign policy, made him an effective unifying leader of the House of Representatives, who founded the unique Rainbow Coalition, which united the political parties in the House and paved the way for the passage of more than 200 economic and social reform laws, leading to the modest economic miracle during the Fidel Ramos presidency;

WHEREAS today, former Speaker de Venecia is currently Chairman of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) since 2000, composed of 340 ruling, opposition and independent Political Parties in Asia with head offices in Seoul; Co-Chairman of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) with head offices in New York City and Seoul; recently chosen in Washington D.C., U.S.A. with 30-year former U.S. Congressman Dan Burton as Co-Chairman; President of the Centrist Asia Pacific Democrats International (CAPDI) with offices in Jakarta and Manila; Co-Chairman of the International Ecological Safety Collaborative Organization (IESCO) with offices in Beijing and New York; and, was co-Founder of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA);

WHEREAS, the **Association of Women Legislators Foundation, Inc. (AWLFI)** headed by its current president, Rep. Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica initiated this move to pay the highest honor to former Speaker de Venecia whose new designation will benefit the Duterte Administration and the Filipino people;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT HERE BY RESOLVED, to express the high commendation of the House of Representatives to the former Speaker Jose de Venecia, Jr. on his being appointed as Special Envoy on behalf of the Republic.

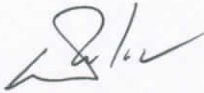
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