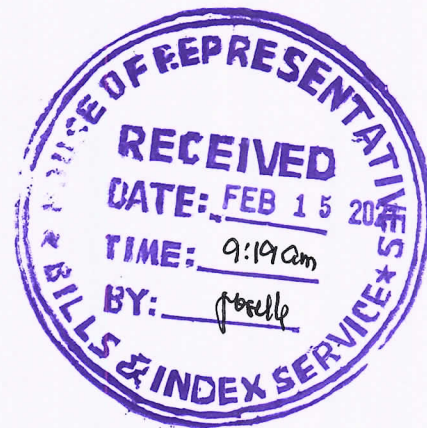


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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1578

INTRODUCED BY HON. CHRISTOPHER VP DE VENECIA

**A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING GLORIA “YOYA” DIÑO-STEELE FOR
HER APPOINTMENT AS ACTING ADMINISTRATOR OF UNITED STATES
AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (USAID)**

WHEREAS, Gloria “Yoya” Diño-Steele has been appointed by United States President Joe Biden as Acting Administrator Of United States Agency For International Development (USAID) on January 20, 2021;

WHEREAS, Gloria “Yoya” Diño-Steele, a resident of Virginia, is the first known Filipino-American woman to hold a top spot along with other agency heads on US President Joe Biden’s transitional team;

WHEREAS, Gloria “Yoya” Diño-Steele, a Philippine-born executive, holds a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration degree from Miriam College, Maryknoll College during her time, and a master’s degree in Agricultural Economics from Kansas State University;

WHEREAS, Gloria “Yoya” Diño-Steele thrived in the public arena and practically spent her entire life with USAID having worked 40 years with the agency. She started working as a management consultant for the Philippine Department of Agriculture. She rose to USAID’s executive positions that include as Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for Global Health in 2005 and as Mission Director for the Philippines, the Pacific Islands, and Mongolia, from 2010-2015. She served as Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Asia where she oversees USAID’s development assistance programs in 25 countries in Asia. In addition, she handled critical assignments in Africa and Eastern Europe, and accomplished her jobs with honor and distinction.

WHEREAS, Gloria “Yoya” Diño-Steele, as a Mission Director in the Philippines from 2010-2015, supported the Philippine government’s program to treat and control the spread of tuberculosis, reduce maternal and child mortality, improve the quality of basic, vocational and higher education, mitigate corruption in

government, strengthen the capacity of civil society, improve environmental management and support the growth of livelihood opportunities throughout the country.

WHEREAS, Gloria “Yoya” Diño-Steele, at the end of her assignment in the Philippines, was conferred the Order of Sikatuna by former President Benigno III. The Order of Sikatuna is a diplomatic honor given to individuals who have rendered exceptional services to the country, by

WHEREAS, United States Agency For International Development (USAID) is the world’s premier international development agency that aims to end extreme global poverty. It operates in over 100 countries, including the Philippines, to promote global health and education, provide food security, further economic development, improve economic development, improve environmental sustainability, and accelerate disaster response;

WHEREAS, the appointment of Gloria “Yoya” Diño-Steele brings honor and pride not only to the Filipino-American community but also to the entire Filipino nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to congratulate Gloria “Yoya” Diño-Steele for her appointment as Acting Administrator Of United States Agency For International Development (USAID);

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Gloria “Yoya” Diño-Steele and shall form part of the official records of the House of Representatives.

Adopted,


CHRISTOPHER VP DE VENECIA
Representative
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