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RESOLUTION NO. 180

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES  
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE  
PASSING OF MS. CARMEN "BABY" BARREDO

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2021, Ms. Carmen "Baby" Barredo, the Grand Dame of Philippine Theater and the Chairman-for-Life and Artistic Director Emeritus of Repertory Philippines, passed away at the age of 80;

WHEREAS, the theater debut of Ms. Barredo can be traced back to her portrayal of the angel Gabriel for a school Christmas pageant at the tender age of five. She then took up her elementary and high school studies at the St. Scholastica's College. Not long after, Ms. Barredo was placed under the tutelage of various mentors to learn the different aspects of drama. These

mentors included Fides Cuyugan Asensio and Ines Zialcita for voice, Lucrecia Kasilag for music, and Daisy Avellana for drama.

Ms. Barredo attended the University of Indiana in the United States where she studied voice, and later attended the American Conservatory of Dramatic Arts in New York to complete her studies in drama;

WHEREAS, in 1967, upon returning to the Philippines, Ms. Barredo cofounded the Repertory Philippines with her fellow theater stalwarts, including long-time friend, Zenaida Amador. Repertory Philippines would emerge as one of the foremost training grounds for Filipino artists who would later excel in the field of theater, both locally and internationally;

WHEREAS, as an actor for Repertory Philippines, Ms. Barredo played various prominent roles such as Violet Weston in "August Osage County," Maria in "The Sound of Music," Evita Peron in "Evita," Anna in "The King & I," Maria Callas in "Master Class, Mme," Thenardier in "Les Misérables," and Bloody Mary in "South Pacific," just to name a few;

WHEREAS, Ms. Barredo also served as stage director, musical director, and costume designer for various Repertory Philippines productions, showcasing to audiences her well-rounded prowess in the theater arts;

WHEREAS, under Ms. Barredo's watch, Repertory Philippines produced many talented figures in the theater arts, all of whom would become prominent names in the field, including the likes of Lea Salonga, Pinky Amador, Maya Barredo, Jonjon Briones, Audie Gemora, Michael Williams, Menchu Lauchengco-Yulo, Karla Gutierrez, Bart Guingona, Junix Inocian, Cocoy Laurel, Raymond Lauchengco, Rem Zamora, Liesl Batucan, Joel Trinidad, Robbie Guevara, Gia Macuja, Red Concepcion, Monique Wilson, Ana Abad-Santos, Mio Infante, Loy Martinez, and Jaime del Mundo;

WHEREAS, throughout her lifetime, Ms. Barredo received the most prominent dramatic and theatrical awards from award-giving bodies in the Philippines, including the "Gawad

Parangal sa mga Tampok na Yaman ng Teatro Pilipino” from the International University Theater Association or IUTA and the Philstage “Gawad Buhay Lifetime Achievement Award”;

WHEREAS, for over five decades, Ms. Barredo served as one of the most recognizable vanguards of Philippine Theater, leading an illustrious theatrical career that spanned a gamut of generations and genres, whether musicals, straight plays, or classics: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives, To express its profound sympathies and sincere condolences to the family of Ms. Carmen “Baby” Barredo, a true professional in the performing arts, known for her unrelenting passion and discipline, artistic excellence, boldness, and abounding love for the arts, who in the process has touched the hearts of artists and audience alike whose love and passion for theater she has powerfully and indelibly set alight.*

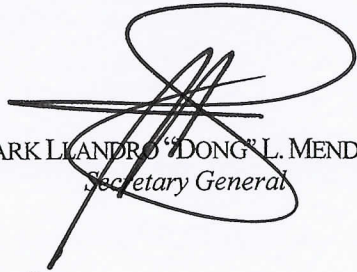
*Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the bereaved family.*

Adopted,



LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO  
*Speaker*

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on June 2, 2021.



MARK LLANDRO “DONG” L. MENDOZA  
*Secretary General*