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A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PASSING OF MS. EVANGELINE ROSE GIL EIGENMANN

WHEREAS, Ms. Evangeline Rose Gil Eigenmann, professionally known as "Cherie Gil", passed away on August 5, 2022 at the age of 59 at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center of New York;

WHEREAS, Ms. Cherie Gil was born on June 21, 1963 to a family of actors Eddie Mesa and Rosemarie Gil. She has a sister and two brothers; namely Michael de Mesa and Mark Gil who would also grow up to be actors;¹

WHEREAS, Ms. Cherie Gil had a career that spanned almost half a century. She began as a child actor in the 1970s, playing bit roles in films starred by her mother Rosemarie Gil, such as the horror-fantasy "*Cofradia*" (1973) and the more adult-themed, Elwood Peretz-helmed "*Beerhouse*" (1977);²

¹ Llemit, Kathleen (August 6, 2022). "Cherie Gil: Trivia about Philippines' beloved 'La Primera Contravida'". *The Philippine Star*. Retrieved August 7, 2022.

² <https://entertainment.inquirer.net/459795/neither-second-rate-nor-copycat-versatile-actress-cherie-gil-59>

WHEREAS, in 1979, film matriarch Lily Monteverde re-launched her via *Problem Child* with the then-current teen sensation, Lloyd Samartino. The movie fared mildly, and Ms. Cherie Gil was continually casted by Regal Films in films such as "*City After Dark*", "*Salawahan*", "*Ito Ba Ang Ating Mga Anak*" and "*Sugar Daddy*." She went freelance with assignments like "*Beach House*", "*Ang Bouncer at ang Dancer*", "*Dancing Master*", "*Girlfriend*" among others;

WHEREAS, in 1982, Ms. Cherie Gil portrayed a naïve lass affected by World War II in Bacolod in the now classic film "*Oro, Plata, Mata*." She tried singing and had another mild hit, "*I Love You, Boy*". On TV, Ms. Cherie Gil was one of the co-hosts of German Moreno in "*Germespesyal*" from 1979 to 1981. She became a mainstay of *Champoy* with Subas Herrero and Noel Trinidad from 1981 to 1986;

WHEREAS, Ms. Cherie Gil resurfaced as a villain in 1985 via Viva Films' "*Bituing Walang Ningning*," providing the lead actress Ms. Sharon Cuneta formidable support in the role of Lavinia Arguelles, a famous but insecure singer. From this movie, Ms. Cherie Gil became famous for her iconic line, "You're nothing but a second rate, trying hard copycat!" This favorable reception consequently opened her for classy and sultry villainess roles, throughout the 1980s until the present;³

WHEREAS, Ms. Cherie Gil appeared in a number of hit teleseryes and primetime shows on ABS-CBN and GMA Network. Starred in numerous films, TV and has performed in theatre for play such as Master Class playing Maria Callas (PETA) *Arbol de Fuego*, an adaptation of Anton Chekov's "*The Cherry Orchard*" and "*Full Gallop*" as Diana Vreeland, bestowing her the Best Actress award for her one-woman portrayal in 2014;⁴

WHEREAS, in the years 2000 to 2001, Ms. Cherie Gil starred in her first soap "*May Bukas Pa*" that aired on PTV-4 as part of Viva Entertainment TV's block timer and in 2002–2003 on ABS-CBN's "*Bituin*," where she resumed her vocal talents and in 2004 TV series, "*Marina*." In 2006, she took on the role as McNang Medel in the hit TV remake of "*Gulong Ng Palad*;"

WHEREAS, in 2010, Ms. Cherie Gil was chosen to star in the fantasy series "*Grazilda*" for GMA Network.⁵ In early 2011, she joined the cast of the comedy fantasy series, "*Magic Palayok*" co-starred by Carla Abellana, and Geoff Eigenmann. The series did not get picked up for a second season after the season 1 finale which is composed of 88 episodes. The GMA Network cast her in another television show, "*Time of My Life*;"

WHEREAS, Ms. Cherie Gil was part of 83 awardees of the *Ani ng Dangal* award by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), representing the cinema category on February 29, 2016.⁶ This, for simultaneously winning the Best Actress award at The ASEAN

³ "Sharon Cuneta, Cherie Gil reenact iconic movie scene — with a twist". *CNN Philippines*. July 14, 2019. Archived from the original on July 14, 2019. Retrieved May 10, 2021.

⁴ "Cherie Gil captures essence of Diana Vreeland in 'Full Gallop'". March 21, 2014.

⁵ "Cherie Gil: Demonic on Cam, Iconic off Cam". *Manila Bulletin*. September 10, 2010. Archived from the original on July 13, 2018. Retrieved July 12, 2018 – via HighBeam Research.

⁶ "Ani ng Dangal Awardees Announced". *The Manila Times*. February 20, 2016. Retrieved March 18, 2016

Film Festival for her role in Sonata and Best Actress in a foreign film at The Madrid Film festival for her portrayal in MANA, both in the same year;⁷

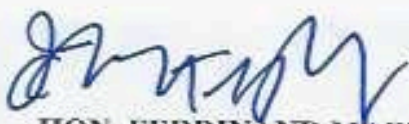
WHEREAS, Ms. Cherie Gil's last acting role would be in the GMA Network 2021 television series "*Legal Wives*;"

WHEREAS, Ms. Cherie Gil's showbiz career ended in February 2022 when she moved to the United States to be with her children and prioritize her own "mental, emotional and spiritual states" as well as shaved her head to symbolize her own "personal growth";⁸

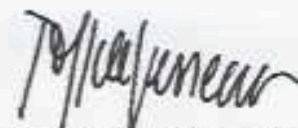
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives expresses its profound sympathy, and sincere condolences to the family of Ms. Evangeline Rose Gil Eigenmann, also known as Cherie Gil, who had a career spanning nearly 50 years and dubbed the "*La Primera Contravida*" or "*The Prime Villain*" for her acting prowess which landed her in numerous antagonistic roles. Her diverse career is a testament to her dedication to her craft as an actress and an inspiration to both budding and seasoned actors and actresses in the entire the Philippine film industry;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the bereaved family of the late Ms. Cherie Gil.

Adopted.



HON. FERDINAND MARTIN G.
ROMUALDEZ



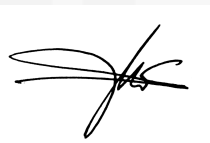
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VENEZIA



HON. FERDINAND ALEXANDER A.
MARCOS



HON. YEDDA MARIE K. ROMUALDEZ



HON. JUDE A. ACIDRE



HON. MARK O. GO

⁷ *Supra*.

⁸ Arceo, Therese (August 5, 2022). "Cherie Gil pumanaw na sa edad na 59" [Cherie Gil passes away at age 59]. *Bandera* (in Filipino). Retrieved August 5, 2022.


HON. JOSE FRANCISCO "KIKO" B.
BENITEZ, PH.D.


HON. LIANDA B. BOLILIA


HON. ANGELO MARCOS BARBA

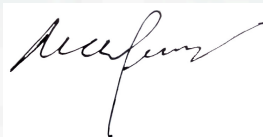

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HON. EDWARD VERA PEREZ MACEDA


HON. BRYAN B. REVILLA


HON. STELLA LUZ A. QUIMBO, PH.D.


HON. RACHEL MARGUERITE B. DEL
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HON. CLAUDINE DIANA D. BAUTISTA-
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