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RESOLUTION NO. 59

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE
PASSING OF MS. LUALHATI BAUTISTA

WHEREAS, Ms. Lualhati Bautista passed away on February 12, 2023 at the age of 77;

WHEREAS, Ms. Bautista was a recipient of numerous literary awards, most notably the Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature, which she won for the novels *'GAPÔ* (1980), *Dekada '70* (1983), and *Bata, Bata... Pa'no Ka Ginawa?* (1984). In addition, she won the Palanca awards for two of her short stories entitled: *Tatlong Kuwento ng Buhay ni Julian Candelabra*, and *Bwan, Bwan, Hulugan Mo Ako ng Sundang*;

WHEREAS, Ms. Bautista finished with a degree of journalism at the Lyceum of the Philippines University, but dropped out

because she has always wanted to be a writer and wanted to focus on it. She started writing while she was still 16 years old, and she was highly influenced by her parents who were into composing and poem writing. Her first stories were published in the magazine, *Liwayway*;

WHEREAS, Ms. Bautista became known for her honest realism, her courageous exploration of women's issues, and her compelling female protagonists, who confront difficult situations at home and in the workplace with uncommon grit and strength;

WHEREAS, Ms. Bautista was a national fellow for fiction of the University of the Philippines Creative Writing Center in 1986. She also served as vice-president of the Screenwriters Guild of the Philippines and chair of the *Kapisanan ng mga Manunulat ng Nobelang Popular*;

WHEREAS, in 1991, she was the only Filipino included in a book on foremost international women writers which was published in Japan. Furthermore, she was honored on March 10, 2004 during the 8th Annual Lecture on Vernacular Literature by Women by the Ateneo Library Women's Writings;

WHEREAS, Ms. Bautista is also a multi-awarded screenplay writer. *Dekada '70* won Best Screenplay at the Gawad Urian, and Young Critics Circle in 2003, and Best Story at the FAP Awards in the same year. *Bata, Bata... Pa'no Ka Ginawa?*, in 2009, won Best Screenplay at the Gawad Urian Awards, FAP Awards, and Young Critics Circle, and Best Story at the FAMAS Awards. *Bulaklak sa City Jail* was recognized for Best Screenplay and Best Story at the Metro Manila Film Festival in 1984, and Best Story Adaptation at the FAP Awards in 1985. *Kadenang Bulaklak* won Best Screenplay at the FAMAS Awards in 1994. Lastly, the film *Nena* won Best Screenplay at the Young Critics Circle in 1996;

WHEREAS, Ms. Bautista also wrote screenplays for television dramas which include *Daga sa Timba ng Tubig*, and *Isang Kabanata sa Libro ng Buhay ni Leilani Cruzaldo* which won Best Drama Story for Television in the Catholic Mass Media Awards: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, To express its profound sympathies and sincere condolences to the family of Ms. Lualhati Bautista, who is remembered for her profound contribution to Philippine literature and cinema and has touched the hearts of friends, families, and aspiring literary writers.

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

Adopted,



FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ
Speaker

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on March 13, 2023.



REGINALD S. VELASCO
Secretary General

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