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RESOLUTION NO. 211

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LEGISLATORS FOUNDATION, INC. (AWLFI) OF THE NINETEENTH CONGRESS FOR ITS EXEMPLARY DEDICATION TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S RIGHTS, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF HONORABLE YEDDA MARIE K. ROMUALDEZ AND HONORABLE LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA AS CHAIRPERSON AND PRESIDENT, RESPECTIVELY, AND ITS NOTABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIAL AND PHILANTHROPIC CAUSES

WHEREAS, the Association of Women Legislators Foundation, Inc. or AWLFI, a non-profit, non-political organization, composed of women legislators from the House of Representatives, has steadfastly championed the cause of women and children since its establishment in 2011, led by then Representative Ma. Georgina de Venecia, Chairman Emeritus, and continues to do so under the dynamic leadership of Honorable Yedda Marie K. Romualdez and Honorable Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica;

WHEREAS, the history of AWLFI is marked by impressive events and activities, showcasing its commitment to uplifting the plight of women and children in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, during the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Congresses under Representative Ma. Georgina de Venecia's presidency, AWLFI engaged in various national and local initiatives, including an annual historic China visit, roundtable discussions with government agency heads to enhance women's access to services, relief operations for Yolanda victims in Tacloban, seminars on disaster preparedness in collaboration with the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS), basic first-aid treatment in partnership with the Philippine National Red Cross, annual Christmas gift-giving to orphanages, and medical assistance to pediatric cancer patients at the Philippine General Hospital;

WHEREAS, in the Seventeenth Congress under Hon. Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica's leadership, AWLFI initiated impactful fundraising drives, such as "PamasCONG Handog: Garage Sale for a Cause", and "Dirty Old Musical", benefiting the Mega Drug Abuse Treatment and Rehabilitation Center in Nueva Ecija, as well as "PamasCONG Handog: Garage Sale for a Cause Part II" supporting families of fallen government troops in the Marawi siege, and "Art for Hearts' Sake" art exhibit aiding the UP College of Fine Arts scholarship program, and "Kasuotan: Filipiniana Redefined" coffee table book project for the benefit of the National Center for Mental Health in Mandaluyong City;

WHEREAS, AWLFI has extended direct donations to organizations like the Philippine Tuberculosis Society, Inc., Philippine Breast Care Foundation, Inc., Philippine General Hospital Pediatric Cancer Unit, and provided aid to typhoon victims;

WHEREAS, in the Eighteenth Congress under Representative Rose Marie "Baby" Arenas' presidency, AWLFI continued its philanthropic activities by initiating endeavors for earthquake victims in Mindanao and Hospicio de San Jose, Manila;

WHEREAS, during the current Nineteenth Congress, AWLFI, in collaboration with the Philippine Cancer Society or Philippine Foundation for Breast Care, Inc., remains a prominent

advocate for breast health, conducting extensive information dissemination, providing free cervical and breast screenings, and offering free mammogram programs during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month every October;

WHEREAS, AWLFI tirelessly conducts the traditional "PamasCONG Handog: Garage Sale for a Cause" at the House of Representatives to support local entrepreneurs and raise funds for the construction of the Women and Children Protection Unit building at the National Center for Mental Health (NCMH) in Mandaluyong City;

WHEREAS, AWLFI's dedication in constructing the Women and Children Protection Unit building demonstrates its strong support not only for NCMH clients, but also for the Philippine Mental Health Act or Republic Act No. 11036;

WHEREAS, AWLFI organizes art exhibits not only to promote Philippine arts, but also to raise funds for the construction of the aforementioned building;

WHEREAS, AWLFI, in partnership with the Committee on Women and Gender Equality, plays a vital role in the annual National Women's Month celebration at the House of Representatives, featuring the traditional all-women session to honor the triumphs, achievements, and contributions of Filipino women in national development;

WHEREAS, AWLFI, in this current Congress, has provided much-needed assistance to calamity victims and pediatric cancer patients at the Philippine General Hospital, showcasing its commitment to various charitable projects through creative and productive fundraising activities: Now, therefore, be it


Resolved by the House of Representatives, To recognize and commend the Association of Women Legislators Foundation, Inc. of the Nineteenth Congress, led by Hon. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez and Hon. Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica, Chairperson and President, respectively, along with the distinguished officers, for their outstanding contributions and unwavering commitment to advancing the rights and well-being of women and children.

Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to AWLFI through its Chairperson, Hon. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, and President, Hon. Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica.

Adopted,


FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ
Speaker

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on March 4, 2024.


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Secretary General

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