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RESOLUTION NO. SP- **7988**, S-2019

A RESOLUTION URGING THE METROPOLITAN WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM (MWSS) TO RENAME THE LA MESA ECOPARK TO GINA LOPEZ ECOPARK IN ORDER TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY OF MS. REGINA PAZ "GINA" L. LOPEZ, FOR HER CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND PRESERVATION OF THE LA MESA WATERSHED RESERVATION.

Introduced by Councilors EDEN DELILAH "Candy" A. MEDINA and WINSTON "Winnie" T. CASTELO.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Lena Marie P. Juico, Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Atty. Bong Liban, Ramon P. Medalla, Mikey F. Belmonte, Estrella C. Valmocina, Franz S. Pumaren, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Matias John T. Defensor, Jorge L. Banal, Sr., Peachy V. De Leon, Imee A. Rillo, Marra C. Suntay, Resty B. Malañgen, Ivy L. Lagman, Jose A. Visaya, Karl Castelo, Patrick Michael Vargas, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto-Antonio, Donato "Donny" C. Matias, Freddy S. Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, Ms. Regina Paz "Gina" L. Lopez passed away on August 19, 2019 due to multiple organ failure;

WHEREAS, Ms. Gina Lopez was an advocate of environmental and child protection. Her life was dedicated in the service of humanity with a deep desire to improve lives of the people;

WHEREAS, Ms. Gina Lopez was also responsible for the reforestation of the La Mesa Watershed Reservation, the last remaining forest zone in Metro Manila;

WHEREAS, part of the La Mesa Watershed Reservation is an Ecopark, a 33-hectare public park located along the natural boundary of the La Mesa Watershed Reservation;

WHEREAS, after years of neglect, the park underwent a renovation under the "Save La Mesa Watershed Project", a collaboration between Bantay Kalikasan, the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) and the local government of Quezon City;

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WHEREAS, the amount of at least P640 million was the total funds raised from 2004 to 2018 through the efforts of ABS-CBN Foundation, Inc. to rehabilitate and operate the 33-hectare park and to rehabilitate, protect and enrich the La Mesa Watershed. The park was reopened in 2004 and was renamed as the La Mesa Eco Park;

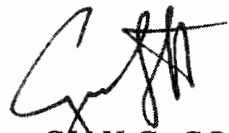
WHEREAS, among the activities that can be done by visitors in the park are hiking, mountain-biking, horseback riding, rappelling, zip lining and fishing. They can also paddle boat ride in the lagoon. The park also has an "Ecotrail" and an orchidarium;

WHEREAS, it is but proper to rename La Mesa Ecopark to Gina Lopez Ecopark in order to protect the La Mesa Watershed Reservation.


NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) to rename the La Mesa Ecopark to Gina Lopez Ecopark, in order to perpetuate the memory of Ms. Regina Paz "Gina" L. Lopez, for her contribution to the development and preservation of La Mesa Watershed Reservation.

ADOPTED: October 14, 2019.



GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on October 14, 2019 and was CONFIRMED on October 21, 2019.


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III



