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Senate Resolution No. 668

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Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda

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**RESOLUTION**  
**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING VICTORIA LUCIA TAULI-CORPUZ, THE FIRST INDIGENOUS WOMAN FROM THE PHILIPPINES TO BE APPOINTED AS SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES BY THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, on May 8, 2014, Cordillera Kankana-ey tribe member Victoria Lucia Tauli-Corpuz was appointed as Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples by the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council during its organizational meeting in Geneva;

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Victoria Lucia Tauli-Corpuz, a 1976 Bachelor of Science in Nursing graduate from the University of the Philippines Manila and Founder and Executive Director of Tebtebba Foundation (Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education), holds the rare honor of being the first indigenous woman from the Philippines to be appointed as part of the system of thematic Special Procedures of the UN Human Rights Council;

**WHEREAS**, this selection as Special Rapporteur is a fitting recognition of her "active involvement with United Nations and multi-stakeholder cross-regional bodies on indigenous issues" and "past collaboration with and commitment to constructive engagement among governments and indigenous peoples.";

**WHEREAS**, apart from lecturing about International Human Rights Law and Indigenous Peoples' and Women's Rights at the University of Toronto and Columbia University, her long experience at the national and global level include the drafting and negotiating the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (1985-2007), serving as Chairpersons of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (2005-2009) and of the Board of Trustees of the UN Voluntary Fund on Indigenous Populations (1995-2005) and as Member of the International Labor Organization World Commission on Social Dimension of Globalization

(2002-2004) and of the Philippine government's National Commission of the Role of Filipino Women (2001-2004);

**WHEREAS**, among the responsibilities of Ms. Tauli-Corpuz as Special Rapporteur include the promotion of good practices, e.g. new laws, government programs, and constructive agreements, between indigenous peoples and states, to implement international standards concerning the rights of indigenous peoples; reporting on the overall human rights situation of indigenous peoples in selected countries; addressing specific cases of alleged violations of the rights of indigenous peoples through communications with Governments;

**WHEREAS**, her keen appreciation of the important connection between the achievement of sustainable development and the protection of the rights and aspirations of indigenous peoples truly brings honor to the Philippines;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, as it hereby resolved, to congratulate and commend Victoria Lucia Tauli-Corpuz, the first indigenous woman from the Philippines to be appointed as Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples by the United Nations Human Rights Council;

Adopted,

  
**LOREN LEGARDA**  
Senator