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RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 109TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY ON MARCH 23, 2023 OF THE HONORABLE CARMEN LIM PLANAS, ALSO KNOWN AS "MANILA'S DARLING" AND THE FIRST ELECTED WOMAN CITY COUNCILOR OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS PART OF THIS YEAR'S CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S MONTH

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WHEREAS, Carmen Lim Planas was born on March 23, 1914 in Tondo, Manila to Illuminado Planas and Concepcion Lim, and eldest sibling to Charito, who served as the first elected female vice mayor of Quezon City; Adela, who became the last Miss Visayas of the famed Manila Carnival festival; and businessman Severino Planas;

WHEREAS, as lone woman and youngest candidate in the 1937 elections, Planas' victory as the first woman to be elected as city councilor in the Philippines was considered as a historic moment in Filipino women suffrage movement;

WHEREAS, as a member of the Municipal Board of Manila from 1937 to 1941, Planas - nickname as 'Manila's Darling' for her admirable commitment to serve the city, ministered the Municipal Board committees on law, health and social services, and education, and frequently roamed around her district and communicated directly to her constituency to observe the conditions of Manileños, especially the poor and the children, which became the foundation of some of her ordinances and other legislative measures;

WHEREAS, during the Japanese occupation, Councilor Planas actively assisted groups of guerilla soldiers who fought in the mountains and war prisoners and internees in various hospitals and schools which resulted to her incarceration at Fort Santiago;

WHEREAS, after the war, councilor Planas travelled to many countries around the world to represent the Philippines in various international conferences for lawyers and became the first lady governor of the country's Red Cross to be chosen as delegate to the Red Cross International Convention of Governors;

WHEREAS, Councilor Planas died on August 25, 1964 in Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. at the age of 50 due to severe hypertension;

WHEREAS, Calle Folgueras in Tondo, where Councilor Planas and her family used to reside, was renamed Carmen Planas Street in honor of her life, bravery, humility and her invaluable involvement in promoting effective governance, public service and women empowerment;

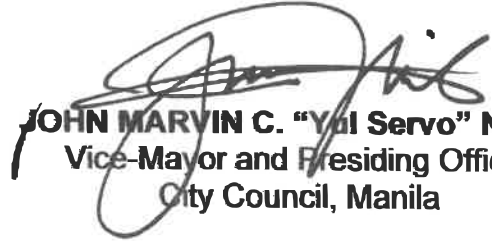
WHEREAS, Councilor Planas, along with all remarkable, outstanding Manileñas and countless female leaders, activists and heroes in history, proved that the role of women in our society is and will always be instrumental in shaping Filipino society, especially in shaping country's revered capital city: NOW THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to commemorate, as it hereby commemorates the 109th birth anniversary on March 23, 2023 of the Honorable Carmen Lim Planas, also known as "Manila's Darling" and the first elected woman city councilor of the Philippines, as part of this year's celebration of Women's Month; and be it FURTHER

RESOLVED, that this Body shall invite Councilor Planas living descendants to join the City of Manila in honoring her inside the august chamber of the Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Maynila where she once became part of; and be it FINALLY

RESOLVED, that this Body shall request the presence of the very first female local chief executive of the capital city, the Honorable Maria Sheilah "Honey" H. Lacuna-Pangan, to personally present this distinction to Councilor Planas' descendants as representative of all Manileñas of today who strive for excellence to make Manila and the Philippines a better city and country for all Filipinos.

PRESIDED BY:



JOHN MARVIN C. "Yal Servo" NIETO
Vice-Mayor and Presiding Officer
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This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on March 21, 2023.

ATTESTED:



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City Government Department Head III
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