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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 2281

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Introduced by REP. RUTH MARIANO-HERNANDEZ

RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING MISS RECHIE VALDEZ FOR BECOMING THE FIRST
FILIPINO-CANADIAN WOMAN TO BE ELECTED MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT IN THE
SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 CANADA FEDERAL ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, Rechie Valdez ended the 17-year drought for Filipino-Canadians in Ottawa
after winning the seat as the member of parliament for the Mississauga-Streetsville
riding (election district) in Ontario, Canada;

WHEREAS, when Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau encouraged Filipino-
Canadians to run for public office at the culminating event of the Filipino Heritage
Month in July 2021, Valdez readily responded and won a seat at the House of Commons
representing the federal district of Mississauga-Streetsville in Ontario;

WHEREAS, Valdez, who ran under Trudeau’s Liberal Party of Canada, was declared the
winner after garnering 48 percent of the votes, or an edge of almost 5,000 against the
Conservative Party candidate;

WHEREAS, Valdez is the first Filipina to get elected in the House of Commons and the
second Filipino-Canadian to sit as a member of Canada’s Parliament after Dr. Rey
Pagtakhan, who was elected as MP and served as a cabinet minister from 1998 to 2004
under former Prime Minister Jean Chrétien;

WHEREAS, born in Zambia, Central Africa to Filipino parents Zosimo and Normita
Salazar, Valdez immigrated to Canada with her parents and brother in 1989. A mother
of two children and computer science graduate from the University of Windsor, she has
worked as a corporate banker, baker, podcaster, sports enthusiast and entrepreneur;

WHEREAS, Valdez election to the Canada House of Commons is a historic political
achievement in the Filipino diaspora and serves as inspiration to Filipino communities
in North America and across the globe;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives congratulate Rechie Valdez for becoming the first Filipino-Canadian woman to be elected Member of Parliament in the September 20, 2021 Canada Federal Elections;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the House of Commons of the Federal Government of Canada.

Adopted.

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