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RESOLUTION NO. 152

RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MS. GLORIA DIÑO STEELE ON HER APPOINTMENT AS ACTING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2021, newly inaugurated United States President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. appointed Filipino-American Gloria D. Steele as Acting Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID);

WHEREAS, the USAID is the leading agency of the United States government that implements international development programs and disaster assistance that save lives, reduce poverty, strengthen democratic governance, help people emerge from humanitarian crises, and build self-reliant countries that can progress beyond assistance;
WHEREAS, before her appointment as acting administrator, Ms. Gloria D. Steele served in various capacities in the different bureaus of the USAID. She worked as acting assistant administrator and senior deputy assistant administrator in the Bureau for Asia from 2015 to 2020; served as mission director for the Philippines, the Pacific Islands, and Mongolia from 2010 to 2015; worked as an official of the Bureau for Global Health from 2005 to 2010, and of the Bureau for Europe and Eurasia from 2001 to 2004; and served as an agricultural economist in the Bureau for Africa;

WHEREAS, while serving as mission director in the Philippines, Ms. Gloria D. Steele supported the programs of the Philippine government that treated and controlled the spread of tuberculosis; reduced maternal and child mortality; improved the quality of basic, vocational, and higher education; mitigated corruption in government; strengthened the capacity of civil society; improved environmental management; and supported the growth of livelihood opportunities throughout the country;

WHEREAS, under her watch, the Global Health Bureau made a difference in the global health sector with its implementation of the malaria initiative program, which benefitted millions of people in Sub-Saharan Africa and Lower Mekong and prevented more than 6.8 million deaths, and the maternal and child survival efforts that saved more than 5 million children and 200,000 women in 25 countries;

WHEREAS, as an exceptional leader, Ms. Gloria D. Steele spearheaded the development of the food policy program in the Bureau for Policy and Program Coordination and oversaw the applied research on key rural development issues on land tenure, access to agricultural credit, food security, and natural resource management in the Bureau for Science and Technology;

WHEREAS, for her outstanding contributions in international development, Ms. Gloria D. Steele received three United States Presidential awards: one Presidential Meritorious Executive Award in 2007 and two Presidential Distinguished Executive Awards in 2008 and 2018; she also received the Order of Sikatuna Award from the President of the Philippines in 2015;

WHEREAS, after earning her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree at Maryknoll College (now Miriam College) in Quezon City, Ms. Gloria D. Steele started her career as a management consultant to the Secretary of Agriculture who sent her to Kansas State University where she earned her Master of Agricultural Economics degree;

WHEREAS, with her 40 years of public service with the USAID, Ms. Gloria D. Steele established a solid reputation as a compassionate leader, exceptional mentor, visionary, and dedicated public servant who devoted enormous time and passion to improve the lives of disadvantaged people in Africa, Eastern Europe, and Asia;

WHEREAS, for her achievements as an exemplary Filipino-American in the USAID who envisioned a genuine commitment to help others live a better life, it is but fitting to commend and give honor to Ms. Gloria Diño Steele for representing the whole Filipino nation in the pursuit of a better Philippines and a peaceful world: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, To commend and congratulate Ms. Gloria Diño Steele on her appointment as Acting Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Adopted,

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LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO
Speaker

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Secretary General