

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 11

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By: **Delegate Valderrama**

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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Congratulations to President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo of the Republic of**
3 **the Philippines**

4 FOR the purpose of expressing congratulations to President Gloria
5 Macapagal-Arroyo of the Republic of the Philippines.

6 WHEREAS, As a former commonwealth of the United States, the Republic of the
7 Philippines bases its form of government on that of the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, The Philippines government is so closely tied to that of the United
9 States that the recent trial of former President Josef Estrada and the swearing in of
10 new Philippines President Arroyo mirror the recent history of the United States with
11 President Clinton and President Bush; and

12 WHEREAS, The Philippines has struggled to maintain democracy in the past;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The events leading to the elevation of Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to
15 the Presidency of the Republic of the Philippines illuminate prospects for the peaceful
16 transfer of power; and

17 WHEREAS, President Arroyo's efforts to champion the cause of democracy and
18 to lead 76 million Filipinos is a testament to "people power"; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That in honor of
20 her ascension to the Presidency of the Republic of the Philippines, and of her
21 steadfast and ardent support of grass roots democracy, the Maryland General
22 Assembly congratulates President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo on her commitment to
23 the peaceful transfer of power; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
25 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;
26 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
27 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates; and be it
28 further

1 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
2 Legislative Services to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S.
3 Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510;
4 and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Benjamin L. Cardin,
5 Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E. Cummings, and
6 Constance A. Morella, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.