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GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 03  
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WHEREAS, then Secretary Patricia A. Sto. Tomas assumed her position as Secretary of Labor and Employment and Chairperson of the POEA Governing Board on 21 February 2001;

WHEREAS, under her more than five years of very abled and competent stewardship, the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, as an institution, achieved new heights in the performance of its mandate thru our policy reforms she initiated, and wholly supported by the Governing Board, that were focused on the empowerment of Overseas Filipino Workers and the protection of their interest and welfare;

WHEREAS, recognizing the vital role of licensed private recruitment agencies as industry partner, Chairperson Sto. Tomas ensured the issuance of the 2002 and 2003 POEA Landbased and Seabased Rules and Regulations, respectively, which provide the necessary legal framework to rationalize the regulation of the recruitment industry, professionalize its ranks and consequently eliminate undeserving licensees through a well crafted policy direction of "difficult to enter for license applicants – easy to operate for license holders – easy to go for violators";

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the many obstacles, in various form and fora, she remained firm and steadfast in formulating the necessary, albeit painful, measures in pursuit of her unwavering belief and commitment to protect and promote the welfare and interest of OFWs;

WHEREAS, under her leadership, recognized in the national, regional and international fora, the POEA, as an institution, has become the Role Model of every sending country, setting the standards and best practices in the management of overseas migration;

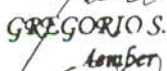
WHEREAS, her unquestionable integrity and her zeal to excel in the area of governance have energized the whole POEA family and inspired them to renew their faith in themselves as honest and dedicated public servants.


NOW, THEREFORE, the POEA Governing Board, in a meeting duly convened, RESOLVES AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to commend the trailblazing and highly motivating leadership of SECRETARY PATRICIA STO. TOMAS and for her invaluable legacy to the overseas employment industry.


Done in the City of Mandaluyong, Philippines, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 2006.

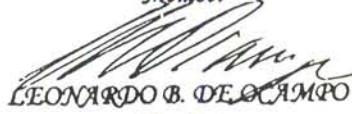
  
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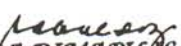
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