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RESOLUTION No. 120

RESOLUTION HONORING SECRETARY JESSE M. ROBREDO FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO GOOD GOVERNANCE AND ETHICAL LEADERSHIP, AND EXPRESSING THE DEEP SYMPATHY OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON HIS DEMISE

WHEREAS, Department of the Interior and Local Government Secretary Jesse M. Robredo passed away on 18 August 2012, in a fatal plane crash off the shore of Masbate;

WHEREAS, a multi-awarded local chief executive and a leading advocate of good governance and ethical leadership, he was named Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government by President Benigno S. Aquino III on 9 July 2010;

WHEREAS, upon his assumption as Secretary of the Interior and Local Government he promptly used his experience in good governance and introduced what he had described as "pioneering efforts to uphold the tenets of transparency, accountability and responsiveness" in local government units;

WHEREAS, anchored on the DILG slogan, "*Biyaheng Pinoy: Tapat na Palakad, Bayang Maunlad*", Secretary Robredo instituted and implemented a policy of full public disclosure of the budget, finances and expenditures of local government units, a requirement for the conferment of the Seal of Good Housekeeping which is awarded to LGUs that have demonstrated honesty and excellence in good governance, and institutionalized partnerships with civil society organizations;

WHEREAS, committed to improving the disaster risk reduction and mitigation capabilities of local government units, Secretary Robredo introduced the Seal of Disaster Preparedness, another incentive mechanism that recognizes the performance and efforts of LGUs in institutionalizing disaster preparedness;

WHEREAS, to further improve public service, responsiveness and efficiency of the Philippine National Police (PNP) in discharging its mandate to maintain law and order, Secretary Robredo as *ex officio* Chairman of the National Police Commission, initiated fiscal reform measures which significantly increased the monthly operating funds and resources of PNP field offices;

WHEREAS, prior to his service in the national government, Secretary Robredo was mayor of Naga City for 18 years for which he was cited in 1999 by *Asiaweek Magazine* for transforming Naga from a lethargic city into one of Asia's most improved which also earned for him the first local executive to receive the 2000 Ramon Magsaysay Award for Good Governance;

WHEREAS, Secretary Robredo was a recipient of other major citations, including the 1996 Outstanding Young Persons of the World (TOYP) Award, the Outstanding Young Men of the Philippines (TOYM), 1998 Konrad Adenauer Medal of Excellence as Most Outstanding City Mayor of the Philippines, and the first ever "*Dangal ng Bayan*" Award of the Civil Service Commission;

WHEREAS, with the demise of Secretary Robredo, the nation and the people had lost a dedicated public official who had raised the bar of public service and a role model whose integrity and ethics in public service should be emulated by all: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate*, To honor Secretary Jesse M. Robredo, a model public servant, for his contributions to good governance and ethical leadership.

*Resolved, further*, To express its deep sympathy on the demise of Secretary Jesse M. Robredo.


*Resolved, finally*, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the bereaved family of Secretary Robredo.

Adopted,



JUAN PONCE ENRILE  
*President of the Senate*

This Resolution was unanimously adopted by the Senate on August 22, 2012.



EMMA LIRIO-REYES  
*Secretary of the Senate*