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RESOLUTION No. 136

RESOLUTION HONORING THE LATE QUINTIN B. PAREDES, STATESMAN, WHO SERVED THE FILIPINO NATION WITH DISTINCTION AND WHO CHAMPIONED THE INTERNATIONAL CAUSE FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES, FOREMOST OF WHICH IS THE INHERENT RIGHT OF EVERY MAN TO FREEDOM, LIFE AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS, AND URGING THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL INSTITUTE TO DECLARE HIS BIRTHPLACE IN BANGUED, ABRA AS A HISTORICAL SITE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, born on September 9, 1884 in Bangued, Abra to Capitan Juan Paredes and Regina Babila, Quintin Babila Paredes obtained his elementary education at the school his father had established, studied at the Colegio Seminario de Vigan and at the Colegio de San Juan de Letran, pursued law at the Escuela de Leyes and obtained his degrees in Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws and Master of Arts;

WHEREAS, after the bar examination in 1906, he began engaging in the private practice of law with distinguished partners Jose Yulo and Felipe Buencamino, a law partnership that included legal luminaries with the likes of Jose B.L. Reyes, among others, who described Don Quintin as "non-pareil cross-examiner and trial lawyer, and an eminent and patriotic statesman";

WHEREAS, he became Manila City Fiscal in 1916, named Attorney General in 1918 and was designated Secretary of Justice in 1920;

WHEREAS, he joined the parliamentary mission to the United States in 1919 and while there, he practiced his profession in the U.S. Supreme Court;

WHEREAS, he was elected representative of Abra and reelected in 1929, during which he served as acting Speaker of the House of Representatives and for his outstanding performance, he was chosen to represent Abra until 1934, during which he served as the Speaker Pro-Tempore;

WHEREAS, he was elected to the National Assembly of the Commonwealth Government in September 1935, but resigned in the same year to serve as the first Filipino Resident Commissioner to Washington, D.C. under the Tydings-McDuffie Law that created the Philippine Commonwealth Government, serving from February 14, 1936, until his resignation on September 29, 1938;

WHEREAS, on November 8, 1938, after his return to the Philippines, he was reelected assemblyman and became the Majority Floor Leader;

WHEREAS, he topped the senatorial race in 1949 and was reelected in the 1955 elections;

WHEREAS, at the Senate, he was vote President Pro Tempore, and later as Senate President and his industriousness and perseverance made him a most efficient and dedicated public official, thereby instituting an effective Senate during his term;

WHEREAS, during his tenure as legislator, Quintin Paredes authored several legislative measures that brought meaning to the lives of our people, among which were the Magna Carta for Labor, pursued his advocacy in promoting vocational courses in education, and as an expert in the field of criminal law, he served as a member of the Code Commission that reviewed the provisions of the Revised Penal Code;

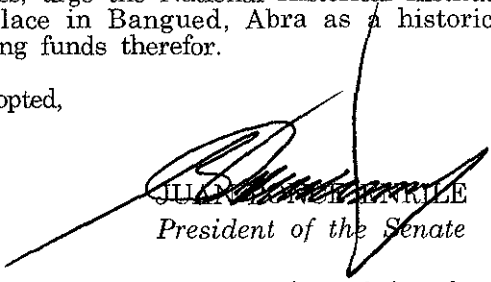
WHEREAS, author Frank Ephraim, in his book *Escape to Manila* which documented the plight of the Jews during the Nazi regime, chronicled how Quintin Paredes chaired a local rally to denounce the persecution of Jews by Nazi in Germany where the civil libertarian declared that such horrible practice "violates the inherent right of every man to freedom, life and the pursuit of happiness";

WHEREAS, in 1963, he retired from public service at the age of 79 and returned to his first love – the practice of law and pursued his passion as a defender of rights, and on January 30, 1973, or ten years later, he died;


WHEREAS, more than his exemplary service as a lawyer and legislator, Don Quintin championed the cause for civil liberties: Now, Therefore, be it

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved, That the Senate honor the late Quintin B. Paredes, statesman, who served the Filipino nation with distinction and who championed the international cause for civil liberties foremost of which is the inherent right of every man to freedom, life and the pursuit of happiness, urge the National Historical Institute to declare his birthplace in Bangued, Abra as a historical site and appropriating funds therefor.

Adopted,


 JUAN PONCE ENRILE
 President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on December 12, 2012.


 EMMA LIRIO-REYES
 Secretary of the Senate