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RESOLUTION No. 109

RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF SERVICE OF
MARIA ZENEIDA "NINI" QUEZON-AVANCEÑA AND
EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND
SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE ON
HER PASSING

WHEREAS, Maria Zeneida "Nini" Quezon-Avanceña, the last surviving child of President Manuel L. Quezon, passed away on 12 July 2021 at the age of 100;

WHEREAS, born on 09 April 1921, Nini Quezon-Avanceña spent her life advocating for human rights, social justice, and peace. She was at the forefront of the fight for the rights, welfare, and freedom of political prisoners during the martial law era;

WHEREAS, in 1978, she was one of the founders of the Concerned Women of the Philippines, a socio-civic organization whose objectives were to promote human dignity, preserve and protect civil liberties and human rights, defend the poor, exploited and victims of injustices, and assure the legacy of justice, freedom and peace for our children. The organization courageously made its stand against tyranny and published its manifestos on the pages of government-controlled newspapers;

WHEREAS, Nini Quezon-Avanceña also became a member of *Kilusan sa Kapangyarihan at Karapatan ng Bayan* (Kaakbay) founded by former senator Jose "Ka Pepe" Diokno. The group advocated for human rights and the end of dictatorial rule through non-violent means;

WHEREAS, after the EDSA Revolution in 1986, she was appointed to the Presidential Committee on Human Rights, chaired by the late senator Diokno. She later resigned from her position in protest of the Mendiola massacre;

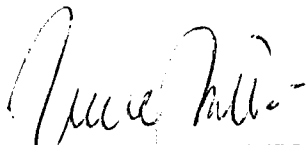
WHEREAS, as a private citizen, Nini Quezon-Avanceña continued to silently work for and support worthy causes, reaching out to the grassroots and helping many Filipinos. She also unhesitatingly called out social inequalities and injustices;

WHEREAS, Nini Quezon-Aanceña lived for a century showing her deep love of country, sense of duty, and unwavering faith in our countrymen. She left behind a nation grateful for her commitment to defend human rights and uphold the principles of freedom and democracy: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To honor the life of service of Maria Zeneida "Nini" Quezon-Avanceña and to express its profound sympathy and sincere condolences on her passing.

Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the bereaved family of the late Maria Zeneida "Nini" Quezon-Avanceña.

Adopted,



VICENTE C. SOTTO III

President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 28, 2021.



MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA

Secretary of the Senate

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