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RESOLUTION No. 12

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND
SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCE OF
THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE
DEATH OF FORMER SENATOR RENE G.
ESPINA

WHEREAS, the Honorable Rene G. Espina, a distinguished public servant who had served his country in various capacities – Senator, Governor of Cebu, Secretary of Public Works, Transportation and Communications, Administrator of the Social Security System (SSS), television host and newscaster, and newspaper columnist – passed away on September 13, 2019;

WHEREAS, a youth leader, scholar and among the topnotchers in the 1954 Bar Examinations (9th place with a grade of 93.2%), he served the government with utmost dedication and commitment, always in search of excellence to uplift and improve the life of the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, the youngest to be appointed Administrator and Vice-Chairman of the SSS, he introduced the first computer system in government and worked doubly hard to ensure the viability and financial independence of the institution from government subsidy through increased income and membership coverage;

WHEREAS, as governor of Cebu (1963 – 1967 and 1967 – 1969), he focused on programs and projects that improved infrastructure in the province, beautified and improved the barangays, and developed healthy water system in the locality, and was instrumental in the successful recovery of several province-owned real properties illegally donated by unauthorized officers;

WHEREAS, for his outstanding performance and accomplishments as chief local executive of Cebu province, he was awarded the Most Outstanding Governor of the Philippines in 1968 and 1969;

WHEREAS, it was under his watch as Secretary of Public Works, Transportation and Communications, that the Mactan-Mandaue Bridge, was conceptualized (1970), constructed and completed (July 4, 1973), for which he was called the Builder/Father of what is now known as the Sergio Osmeña Bridge;

WHEREAS, in 1969, he was elected senator, served as chairman of the Committee on Health and Rural Development, and was instrumental in the enactment of R. A. No. 6425, otherwise known as the "Dangerous Drugs Act of 1972", and the law establishing the Philippine Export and Foreign Loan Guarantee Corporation, and for his exemplary performance as a senator, he was voted as one of the "Most Outstanding Senators";

WHEREAS, a serious-minded person with uncompromising attitude and always mindful of the rule of law, he was actively involved not only in public service, but also in civic work, thus, he was conferred the Golden Rooster Award for his outstanding social work and various special awards for civic work;

WHEREAS, his passing away is a great loss not only to his bereaved family but to the nation as well: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To express, as it hereby expresses, its profound sympathy and sincere condolence on the death of former Senator Rene G. Espina.

Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the bereaved family of the Honorable Rene G. Espina.

Adopted,



VICENTE C. SOTTO III

President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 17, 2019.



MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA

Secretary of the Senate