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RESOLUTION NO. 129

RESOLUTION HONORING THE LATE MANUEL
"NOLI" V. AGCAOILI FOR HIS SELFLESS
DEDICATION TO THE WELFARE AND
EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY

WHEREAS, born on 25 December 1940, the late Manuel "Noli" V. Agcaoili contracted a severe case of polio that permanently damaged his left leg when he was only two years old;

WHEREAS, the disability did not prevent the young "Noli" from achieving his goals and ambitions, such as obtaining a degree in Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Major in Banking and Finance from the University of the East in 1961 and a post graduate degree in Advertising Management,

Product Management and Marketing Management and Strategy from the Ateneo De Manila University in 1967;

WHEREAS, after he graduated from college, he worked tirelessly and rose from the ranks to various executive positions in prestigious companies, such as Manva Holdings, Inc., J. Romero & Associates, Interport Resources Corp., Fil-Estate Realty Corporation, Econ Concrete Inc., Antipolo Properties, Inc., Gencars Incorporated, Health Maintenance, Inc., Cocofed Marketing Corp., Coconut Investment Company, Palawan Energy Development Corp., and many others;

WHEREAS, after gaining prominence and success as a businessman and corporate executive, he decided to devote his time, efforts, and resources to help fellow persons with disability and joined various civic organizations such as the Rotary Club, Tahanang Walang Hagdanan, Impact Foundation Philippines, Philippine Foundation for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled, National Council on Disability Affairs, Alyansa ng May Kapansanang Pinoy (AKAP-Pinoy), DepEd Advisory Council on Children and Youth with Disabilities, Philippine Council of Cheshire Homes for the Disabled (Philcoched), and the De La Salle-College of St. Benilde's Center for Inclusive Education;

WHEREAS, in 2004, he established the Nova Foundation for the Differently Abled Persons, Inc., with the aim of creating a training center to teach persons with disability for entry into the BPO industry and into data processing sector of the IT industry, with the help of local and foreign nongovernment organizations (NGOs) such as the Christoffel Blinden Mission, the Abilis Foundation, the Microsoft Foundation, AUSAID, and the World Bank;

WHEREAS, in the same year, he helped organize AKAP-Pinoy, the only nationwide federation of Disabled Peoples' Organizations (DPOs) with 456 members, affiliates and branches;

WHEREAS, through a tie-up between the Nova Foundation and the DND Kapakanan at Gabay sa Dating Kaanyuan (KAPAGDAKA) of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, he initiated the teaching of computer literacy and data processing

courses to soldiers who have been wounded and disabled in battle in order to assist them in their transition to civilian life;

WHEREAS, with more than 68 partner-organizations such as the Department of Foreign Affairs, JP Morgan Chase, the Thomson Reuters, the Church of the Latter Day Saints of Christ, and Touch Solutions Inc., the job placement department of the Nova Foundation which he established was able to find employment to an unprecedented 83% of its trainees or to more than a thousand trained persons with disability with new found skills;

WHEREAS, in 2011, he was instrumental in forming the Pilipinos With Disabilities Party-list which the Commission on Elections granted accreditation on 26 September 2012;

WHEREAS, on March 2021, he was given the “Special Mabini Award for Lifetime Achievement” by the Philippine Foundation for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled (PFRD), Inc., the oldest NGO in the country to work for the interests of PWDs, for his untiring and selfless advocacy to uplift the welfare and champion the empowerment of persons with disability;

WHEREAS, on 18 April 2021, Manuel “Noli” V. Agcaoili passed away and left a legacy of determination and perseverance that will inspire our people, particularly those with physical limitations, and the enduring lesson that disability is not an obstacle to success and achieving great things: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, To honor the late Manuel “Noli” V. Agcaoili for his selfless dedication to the welfare and empowerment of persons with disability.

Adopted,


VICENTE C. SOTTO III
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on
November 9, 2021.



MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA

Secretary of the Senate

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