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RESOLUTION No. 51

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND
SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF
THE SENATE ON THE DEATH OF THE
HONORABLE ELEANOR "JONI" J. VILLANUEVA-
TUGNA

WHEREAS, the Honorable Eleanor "Joni" J. Villanueva-Tugna, former Mayor of Bocaue, Bulacan, dedicated public servant, exceptional leader, and a loving daughter, wife, and mother, passed away on 28 May 2020, at the age of 42, due to sepsis secondary to bacterial pneumonia;

WHEREAS, lauded for her exemplary and proactive brand of leadership, she passionately and selflessly served as Mayor of the Municipality, bringing affordable and quality health care to the people of Bocaue by pushing for the construction of its first ever public hospital;

WHEREAS, she also spearheaded the rehabilitation of the Bocaue River, a 12-kilometer river in Bulacan, which has been declared as biologically dead by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources;

WHEREAS, in the nation's fight against the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), she was one of the first local leaders to launch a mass testing program, targeting frontliners and Persons Under Investigation residing in Bocaue;

WHEREAS, she remained steadfast in her efforts to provide ample and nutritious food to her constituents during the Enhanced Community Quarantine through the *Timba Timbang Biyaya* project, which provided grocery food items and locally-produced salted dried fish to Bocaue residents, and the *Gulay Para sa Bawat Bahay* initiative, which brought vegetables grown by Cordillera farmers to the senior citizens of the Municipality;

WHEREAS, she was admired for her hands-on approach to managing the day-to-day operations of the municipal government during the pandemic, despite having been diagnosed with vasculitis in January of this year, taking on tasks such as the repacking and distribution of relief goods in Bocaue;

WHEREAS, born on 24 November 1977 in Bocaue, Bulacan, she graduated *cum laude* with a Bachelor's degree in Broadcast Communication from the University of the Philippines in 1999 and completed her Master's degree in Business Administration from the Ateneo de Manila Graduate School of Business in 2006;

WHEREAS, she served as Executive Director of the Jesus is Lord (JIL) Church, a religious organization founded by her father and Citizens' Battle Against Corruption (CIBAC) Party-list Representative, Bro. Eduardo "Eddie" Villanueva, on 5 October 1978;

WHEREAS, she is remembered by members of her Church as the "brains behind JIL's many breakthrough programs, systems, structures, and infrastructures, some of which include the establishment of JIL's Executive Management Board and the renovation of Camp Praise Valley";

WHEREAS, under her leadership as Vice President for Programming and Production of Zoe TV 11, the broadcasting network received a special citation from the People Power Commission for providing full coverage of what is now known as EDSA Dos;

WHEREAS, she was a loving daughter to her parents, Bro. Eddie and the late Sis. Adoracion "Dory" Villanueva, a devoted wife to former CIBAC Party-list Representative Sherwin Tugna, and a doting mother to their four children;

WHEREAS, we mourn the loss of a true public servant and leader who has dedicated her life in the service of God and the Filipino people, and who has espoused the values of compassion, integrity and excellence throughout her life: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To express, as it hereby expresses, its profound sympathy and sincere condolences on the death of the Honorable Eleanor "Joni" J. Villanueva-Tugna.

Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be given to the bereaved family of the late Mayor Eleanor "Joni" J. Villanueva-Tugna.

Adopted,



VICENTE C. SOTTO III
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on
June 1, 2020.



MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA
Secretary of the Senate