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RESOLUTION No. 60

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHIES AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE RAMON B. REVILLA, SR., FORMER SENATOR (1992-2004), FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC ESTATES AUTHORITY, MOVIE ICON, AND "FATHER OF THE PUBLIC WORKS ACT"

WHEREAS, the Honorable Ramon B. Revilla, Sr., former senator of the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Congresses (1992-2004), former Chairman of the Public Estates Authority, movie actor and icon, movie producer, movie director, script writer, businessman, and socio-civic leader, passed away on June 16, 2020, at the age of 93;

WHEREAS, after he obtained his Bachelor of Commerce degree from the Far Eastern University (FEU), he tried his luck in the world of show business but his stay therein did not last long as he became unsatisfied with the rate his acting career was going;

WHEREAS, he then joined the Bureau of Customs as Senior Intelligence Officer with the rank of Major and served as head of the Secret Service Unit, the precursor of the present Customs Intelligence and Investigation Office, from 1965 to 1972 until he decided to give his first love a second chance, the silver screen;

WHEREAS, his comeback movie, "Nardong Putik: Kilabot ng Cavite", was a big success, prompting him to make several action movies wherein he portrayed different characters with amulets or "anting-anting", for which he gained popularity among the masses and earned the moniker "Hari ng Agimat" of the Philippine movie industry;

WHEREAS, being a commerce graduate with great management skills, he invested in diversified business enterprises such as film production, real estate development and memorial parks, which generated many jobs not only to his fellow Caviteños but to people from different places, as well;

WHEREAS, for his outstanding performance and achievements as part of the movie industry and for his invaluable contributions to society, he was conferred the following awards, namely: FAMAS Best Actor (1973); Outstanding Film Production (1975); Socio-civic Leader (1975); Outstanding Producer of the Year (1976); Most Outstanding Actor of the Year (1979); Box Office King (1979); Far Eastern University (FEU) Outstanding Alumnus (1997); and at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Catholic Mass Media Awards (CMMA) Lifetime Achievement Award (2011);

WHEREAS, in 1998, he ran for re-election for another 6-year term under the Lakas-NUCD-UMDP Coalition Party and garnered the 10<sup>th</sup> highest number of votes behind his son-in-law, the legendary and leading basketball personality Robert "Sonny" S. Jaworski, Sr. who finished at the 9<sup>th</sup> place;

WHEREAS, during his stint as senator, he served as Chairman of the Committee on Public Works, the Committee

on Motion Pictures and Television, the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media, and the Committee on Labor, Employment, and Human Resources Development, and as Member of the Congressional Oversight Committee on the Bureau of Customs and the Senate Electoral Tribunal;

WHEREAS, the first legislative measure enacted into law under his name and for which he became known as the "Father of the Public Works Act" was RA 8150, otherwise known as the "Public Works and Highways Infrastructure Program Act of 1995," the measure which he authored and sponsored as a neophyte senator and Chairman of the Committee on Public Works, and which identifies the infrastructure projects to be pursued all over the country, including remote and less developed barangays in pursuit of the objective to make the Philippines a newly industrialized economy;

WHEREAS, he was also instrumental in the enactment of the following vital legislative measures: RA 8294 which lowers the penalties imposed on the illegal possession of firearms; RA 8370, otherwise known as the "Children's Media Act", which aims to make television programs children-friendly by limiting if not totally eliminating the violent and sex scenes in televisions; RA 8757 which establishes a Philippine Sports Hall of Fame to enshrine the Filipino athletes, coaches and trainers who have distinguished themselves in their particular field of sports; and R.A. 9255 which allows illegitimate children to use the surname of their father;

WHEREAS, after his term as senator, he was appointed as Chairman of the Public Estates Authority, an agency that serves as clearing house of all government reclamation projects, by then President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and was reappointed by President Benigno Simeon "Noy" Aquino III to the same position and served as such until 2011;

WHEREAS, the outstanding performance and unblemished record of a public figure like Senator Revilla Sr., whose love for the masses, the underprivileged in particular, and deep concern over their interest and welfare was an inspiring light that laid down the parameters of authentic public service, is worthy of the emulation of his fellow public servants in government, especially his children


and descendants who have followed in his footsteps, including incumbent Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla, Jr., incumbent Representative Strike B. Revilla of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District of Bacoor City, incumbent Mayor Andrea Bautista-Ynares of Antipolo City, and incumbent Vice Governor Ramon "Jolo" Revilla III of Cavite;

WHEREAS, the passing away of a great public servant with a kind and good heart who had lived up to his principle that "it is not enough that the Filipino people are served, but they must be served well" is a great loss not only to his family but to the Filipino people as well, specifically those whose heart he had touched the most: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate*, To express, as it hereby expresses, its profound sympathies and sincere condolences on the death of the Honorable Ramon B. Revilla, Sr., former Senator (1992-2004), former Chairman of the Public Estates Authority, movie icon, and "Father of the Public Works Act".

*Resolved, further*, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of the late Senator Ramon B. Revilla, Sr.

Adopted,



VICENTE C. SOTTO III

*President of the Senate*

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 3, 2020.



MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA

*Secretary of the Senate*