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RESOLUTION NO. 68

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF ENVIRONMENTALIST AND FORMER NEGROS OCCIDENTAL GOVERNOR ALFREDO G. MARAÑON JR.

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has in several occasions paid its respects to remarkable Filipinos for their legacy and contribution to society;

WHEREAS, farmer, engineer, and former Negros Occidental Governor Alfredo G. Marañon Jr. passed away due to complications of heart disease on 1 October 2020 at the age of 84;

WHEREAS, Alfredo G. Marañon Jr., was born on 21 December 1935 in Sagay, Negros Occidental to spouses Salvacion Galicia and Alfredo Marañon Sr.;

WHEREAS, Alfredo G. Marañon Jr.'s government service spans over five (5) decades. Before serving Negros Occidental as its Governor from 2010-2019. He began his career in the public service as councilor of Sagay in 1964. He later served as Vice Mayor, and eventually elected as Mayor in the city in 1972 before he went on to be an assemblyman of the Batasang Pambansa;

WHEREAS, in 1988 he was elected as mayor once more and in 1992 he was voted to serve as Vice Governor of his province. He ran for a congressional seat as Representative in 1995, where he served three (3) consecutive terms, and in 2007 he went back to his city to be its mayor once more;

WHEREAS, former Governor Alfredo G. Marañon Jr. catapulted Negros Occidental as food sufficient agricultural province through his Negros First! Campaign creating opportunities for his constituency. His passion for organic farming was evident as his term as Governor saw the emergence of organic agriculture across the province as it yielded fifteen thousand (15,000) hectares of organic farms with twelve thousand nine hundred twenty (12,920) organic farmers;

WHEREAS, as an environmentalist, former Governor Alfredo G. Marañon Jr. championed the cause of environment. In March 2019, he declared Negros Occidental as coal-free, as he prohibited the entry of coal-fired power plants in the province. He also signed an Executive Order declaring that only clean and renewable sources of energy will be allowed in the province;


WHEREAS, former Governor Alfredo G. Marañon Jr. is also credited for placing Negros Occidental as major ecotourism spot for his establishment of the Sagay Marine Reserve;

WHEREAS, established in the 1970s, the Sagay Marine Reserve is a thirty-two (32) hectare marine reserve, composed of Carbin Reef, Macahulom and Panal Reef, as well as Molocaboc Daku and Diot islands, and Suyag islet, brimming with aquatic diversity. Tourists travel the area to witness its white sand beaches, different fishes, sea turtles, migratory birds, coral formations and other marine wonders, and centuries-old mangrove trees;


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

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To express its profound sympathy and sincere condolences on the death of environmentalist and former Negros Occidental Governor Alfredo G. Marañon Jr.

Adopted,


VICENTE C. SOTTO III
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on October 13, 2020.


MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA
Secretary of the Senate