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**Resolution No. 89** 

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON ITS PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ERINEO "AYONG" S. MALIKSI

WHEREAS, Ayong was one of the proud sons of Cavite, the "Land of the Brave". He was a true public servant who dedicated half of his life in the service of his people;

WHEREAS, Ayong had a long history in public service. He was the Chief of Police in Imus, Cavite before being elected into local office. In 1985 to 1988, Ayong was the Vice Mayor of Imus, Cavite. He was then voted as the Mayor in 1988, and held the position until 1998. He joined the House of Representatives during the  $11^{th}$  and  $15^{th}$  Congress from 1998-2001 and 2010-2013, respectively. Meanwhile, he served as the Governor of Cavite from 2001-2010;

WHEREAS, during his term as Governor, Ayong advocated a new revolution in Cavite, encouraging a fight against the oppression brought about by the financial difficulties in the province. Ayong's new revolution was a 12-point program for development primarily designed to address the effects of the crisis in the province. To strengthen the program, he called on his constituents to join him in his advocacy in line with the battle cry, "Cavite: Be part of the revolution!";

WHEREAS, consistent with the new revolution he advocated, Ayong led numerous industrial and humanitarian projects during his term to curb the fiscal woes in Cavite and to ultimately, improve the lives of his people. He facilitated the implementation of the infrastructure projects from which Caviteños and non-Caviteños alike are now reaping the benefits: there is the Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX), Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAEX), Manila-Cavite Coastal Road extension, Ternate-Nasugbu Road, and Molino-Daang Hari Road. He was also instrumental in the construction of the Medical Arts Building and the OB-Gyne Ward at the General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital, and the 1,000 units in Pamayanang Maliksi, a Cavite Mass Housing Project in General Trias. Lastly, he also implemented the flood mitigation project in cooperation with the Japan International Cooperation Agency, and the Cavite reclamation project which involves the reclamation of an estimated 68-hectare portion of Bacoor Bay to be developed into a special economic zone;

WHEREAS, after he stepped down from his last elective office in 2013, public service continued to follow Ayong. In 2015, Ayong was appointed as Chairman of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO). During that time, Ayong's unpretentious nature and honest concern for the people emerged as when he introduced the "Lugaw Diplomacy" as his way of alleviating the inconvenience, discomfort, and helplessness of people who endured the long lines in PCSO. The "Lugaw Diplomacy" was a plain and direct way of reaching out and helping the people – a true description of the type of person and leader Ayong was;

WHEREAS, despite Ayong's public life as a civil servant, Ayong, the citizen, had a quiet, simple, and fulfilling life with his wife, Olivia, daughter, Joan, and son, Manny – who is the incumbent Mayor of Imus, Cavite: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Philippines, expresses its profound sympathy and sincere condolences on the passing of Erineo "Ayong" S. Maliksi, one of the proud sons of Cavite.

Adopted,

SOTTO III President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 1, 2021.

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MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA Secretary of the Senate

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