

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE )  
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES )  
First Regular Session )

OFFICE

10 OCT -5 P1:19

SENATE

P.S. Resolution No. **228**

RECEIVED BY

Introduced by Senator FRANCIS G. ESCUDERO

RESOLUTION  
EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE  
CONDOLENCES OF THE PHILIPPINE SENATE ON THE DEATH  
OF FORMER SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE  
ABRAHAM F. SARMIENTO, SR.

*WHEREAS*, Abraham F. Sarmiento, Sr., who served as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court from 1987 to 1991, passed away on 03 October 2010 while visiting in Prague, the Czech Republic.

*WHEREAS*, as a committed human rights advocate, the Justice co-founded the National Union for Democracy and Freedom, the Philippine organization for Human Rights, and the National Union for Liberation after the death of his son, Ditto, in the 1970s.

*WHEREAS*, in his stint as an Associate Justice of the highest court of the land, Sarmiento held staunch civil libertarian views as exemplified in a line of cases, foremost of which is *People v. Nazario*<sup>1</sup> where the Court through him acknowledged the void for vagueness rule so as to invalidate penal statutes.

*WHEREAS*, Sarmiento also served as a delegate from Cavite in the 1971 Constitutional Convention where he was elected Vice-President thereof.

*WHEREAS*, Justice Sarmiento's life exemplifies a dedicated Filipino servant and advocate of the rule of law, unafraid of abusive governmental powers and adamant on his belief for truth, justice and freedom to always prevail.

*WHEREAS*, the country is thus grateful for having a Justice Sarmiento whose life serves as an example for the citizens of the Republic to emulate, especially in the protection and preservation of every citizen's rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

**RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES**, To express, as it hereby expresses, its profound sympathy and condolences on the death of former Supreme Court Associate Justice Abraham F. Sarmiento, Sr..

<sup>1</sup> 165 SCRA 186.

**RESOLVED, FURTHER,** That a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of Justice Sarmiento.

Adopted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. G. Escudero', written over a horizontal line.

FRANCIS G. ESCUDERO