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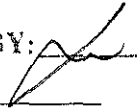


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Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda

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RESOLUTION

IN HONOR OF THE LATE QUINTIN B. PAREDES, STATESMAN, WHO SERVED THE FILIPINO NATION WITH DISTINCTION AND WHO CHAMPIONED THE INTERNATIONAL CAUSE FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES FOREMOST OF WHICH IS THE INHERENT RIGHT OF EVERY MAN TO FREEDOM, LIFE AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS, URGING THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL INSTITUTE TO DECLARE HIS BIRTHPLACE IN BANGUED, ABRA AS A HISTORICAL SITE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, born on September 9, 1884 in Bangued, Abra to Capitan Juan Paredes and Regina Babila, Quintin Babila Paredes obtained his elementary education at the school his father had established. He also studied at the Colegio Seminario de Vigan and at the Colegio de San Juan de Letran. He pursued law at the Escuela de Leyes and obtained his degrees in Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws and Master of Arts. He took and passed the bar examinations in 1906;

WHEREAS, he began engaging in the private practice of law with distinguished partners Jose Yulo and Felipe Buencamino, a law partnership that included legal luminaries with the likes of Jose B.L. Reyes, among others, who described Don Quintin as "*non-pareil* cross-examiner and trial lawyer, and an eminent and patriotic statesman";

WHEREAS, in 1916, he became Manila City Fiscal. In 1918, he was named Attorney General and was designated Secretary of Justice in 1920;

WHEREAS, he joined the parliamentary mission to the United States in 1919. While there, he practiced his profession in the U.S. Supreme Court;

WHEREAS, he was elected representative of Abra and reelected in 1929, during which he served as acting Speaker of the House of Representatives. For his outstanding performance, he was chosen to represent Abra until 1934. From 1933 to 1934, he served as the Speaker Pro-Tempore. He was elected to the National Assembly of the Commonwealth Government in September 1935, but resigned in the same year to serve as the first Filipino Resident Commissioner to Washington, D.C under the Tydings-McDuffie Law, which he, together with President Manuel Luis Quezon pushed for passage, that created the Philippine Commonwealth Government, serving from February 14, 1936, until his resignation on September 29, 1938. On November 8, 1938, after his return to the Philippines, he was reelected assemblyman and became the Majority Floor Leader;

**WHEREAS**, he joined the senatorial race in 1949 and won. He duplicated his feat years later in the 1955 elections. At the Senate, he was voted, initially, President Pro-Tempore, and later as Senate President. His industriousness and perseverance made him a most efficient and dedicated public official, thereby instituting an effective Senate during his term;


**WHEREAS**, during his tenure as legislator, Quintin Paredes authored several legislative measures that brought meaning to the lives of our people, among which were bills he authored such as the Magna Carta for Labor, his advocacy in promoting vocational courses in education, and his contribution as an expert in the field of criminal law when he became a member of the Code Commission that reviewed the provisions of the Revised Penal Code;

**WHEREAS**, he retired from public service at the age of 79 in 1963 and returned to his passion as a defender of rights, his first love - the practice of law;

**WHEREAS**, more than his exemplary service as a lawyer and legislator, Don Quintin championed the cause for civil liberties. Author Frank Ephraim, in his book escape to Manila which documented the plight of the Jews during the Nazi regime, chronicled how Quintin Paredes chaired a local rally to denounce the persecution of Jews by Nazi in Germany where the civil libertarian declared that such horrible practice "violates the inherent right of every man to freedom, life and the pursuit of happiness"; he died on January 30, 1973;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT THE SENATE HONORS THE LATE QUINTIN B. PAREDES, STATESMAN, WHO SERVED THE FILIPINO NATION WITH DISTINCTION AND WHO CHAMPIONED THE INTERNATIONAL CAUSE FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES FOREMOST OF WHICH IS THE INHERENT RIGHT OF EVERY MAN TO FREEDOM, LIFE AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS, URGING THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL INSTITUTE TO DECLARE HIS BIRTHPLACE IN BANGUED, ABRA AS A HISTORICAL SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF.**

Adopted,



**LOREN B. LEGARDA**  
Senator