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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

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**RESOLUTION**  
**EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE**  
**SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF FORMER SENATOR AND**  
**REPRESENTATIVE AGAPITO "BUTZ" A. AQUINO**

**WHEREAS**, Agapito "Butz" A. Aquino ("Butz Aquino") was a former Senator and later served as a Representative for the Second District of Makati City;

**WHEREAS**, on August 17, 2015 and at the age of 76, the former legislator passed away due to natural causes<sup>1</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, Butz Aquino has come out as a tireless champion of cooperativism and has authored several landmark pieces of legislation such as: the Magna Carta for Small Farmers, the Seed Industry Development Act of 1992 and the Cooperative Code of the Philippines<sup>2</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, Butz Aquino also helped form A.T.O.M. (August Twenty-One Movement) and BANDILA (Bansang Nagkakaisa sa Diwa at Layunin) as well as organized street marches and rallies heading the fight for people's rights and democracy<sup>3</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, Butz Aquino left a legacy of being a statesman that fought for justice, freedom, equality, nationalism and democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, his commitment and dedication to public service served as an inspiration for many public servants and he will surely be remembered in the hearts of many Filipino people.

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<sup>1</sup> Philippine Star Website; <http://www.philstar.com/headlines/2015/08/17/1489168/pnoys-uncle-butz-aquino-passes-away>.

<sup>2</sup> Senate of the Philippines Website;  
[http://www.senate.gov.ph/senators/former\\_senators/agapito\\_aquino.htm](http://www.senate.gov.ph/senators/former_senators/agapito_aquino.htm).

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** expressing its profound sympathy and sincere condolences on the death of former Senator and Representative Agapito "Butz" A. Aquino.

Adopted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MLNB', written over a horizontal line.

**MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY**