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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

HONORING AND REMEMBERING FORMER SENATOR JOKER PAZ ARROYO,
FOR HIS INVALUABLE SERVICES TO THE FILIPINO PEOPLE

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

WHEREAS, statesman Joker Paz Arroyo joined his Creator on 5 October 2015 at the age of 88;

WHEREAS, before becoming a key figure in the 1986 EDSA People Power Revolution, Senator Arroyo distinguished himself as a lawyer of the oppressed, who actively participated in mass actions decrying the Martial Law regime where he co-founded the civic group Movement for the Advancement of the Brotherhood, Integrity, Nationalism and Independence (MABINI) and the Free Legal Assistance Group (FLAG);

WHEREAS, Senator Arroyo had a sterling career in the post Martial Law government where he first served as Executive Secretary to former President Corazon Aquino from 1986 to 1987, then as Chairman of the Philippine National Bank, and as Executive Director for the Philippines in the Asian Development Bank from 1986 to 1990;

WHEREAS, his service as a legislator commenced when he was elected representative of Makati City from 1992 to 2001 towards eventually being elected as a two-term Senator from 2001 to 2013;

WHEREAS, Senator Arroyo became a key figure in the two impeachment trials, commenced under the 1987 Constitution, first as lead prosecutor during the trial of former President Joseph "Erap" Estrada, and then finally as a Senator-Judge in Chief Justice Renato Corona's trial;

WHEREAS, Senator Arroyo earned the monicker as the "Scrooge of the Senate", conducting his business with the barest of staff support and the least expenses in operation throughout his years as a member of this August chamber;

WHEREAS, former Senator Arroyo will always be remembered as a freedom fighter, a defender of human rights, one of the best and finest trial lawyers our country ever had and his passing is a great loss not only to the bereaved family but to the entire Filipino nation as well.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to honor and remember former Senator Joker Paz Arroyo, for his invaluable contribution and unwavering diligence as a statesman.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished the bereaved family of former Senator Joker Paz Arroyo.

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID.