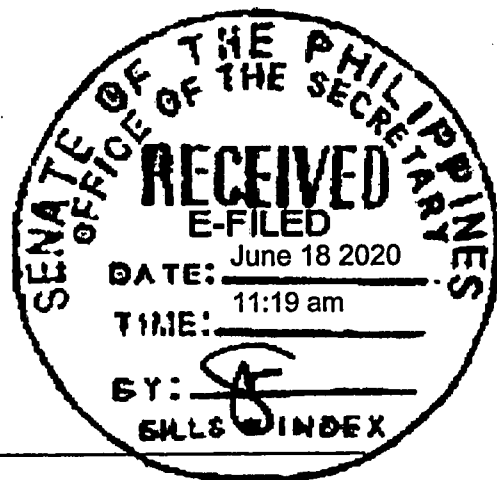


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**RESOLUTION**

**EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF FORMER AMBASSADOR EDUARDO "DANDING" M. COJUANGCO JR., AND HONORING HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO PHILIPPINE POLITICS, BUSINESS, AND SPORTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Senate has in several occasions paid its respects to remarkable Filipinos for their legacy and contribution to society;

**WHEREAS**, politics, business, and sports powerhouse Eduardo "Danding" M. Cojuangco Jr. passed away on 16 June 2020 due to pneumonia and heart failure at the age of 85;

**WHEREAS**, Eduardo "Danding" M. Cojuangco Jr., was born on June 10, 1935 in Paniqui, Tarlac to spouses Josephine Murphy and Eduardo Cojuangco;

**WHEREAS**, former ambassador to the United States of America, Eduardo "Danding" M. Cojuangco Jr. also served as Governor of Tarlac from 1967 to 1969 and was the province's first District Representative from 1969 to 1972. He was the Chairman Emeritus of the Nationalist People's Coalition, the political party he established in 1992, under which he ran for presidency, and a political party which to this day is a formidable force in Philippine politics;

**WHEREAS**, Eduardo "Danding" M. Cojuangco Jr. led a number of corporations, primary of which was San Miguel Corporation, considered Southeast Asia's largest food and beverage conglomerate, which he steered as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer from 1998 along with its subsidiaries, while also holding key leadership roles in other corporations such as Northern Cement Corporation, Petron Corporation, and ECJ & Sons Agricultural Enterprises, Inc.;

**WHEREAS**, as patriarch of the abovementioned companies, Eduardo "Danding" M. Cojuangco Jr. contributed enormously to the country's socioeconomic landscape with the opportunities his corporations opened to the Filipino people, not only through direct employment but also through the creation of sub-economies, which provided income to suppliers, distributors and retailers, among others;

**WHEREAS**, the passing of Eduardo "Danding" M. Cojuangco Jr. is a big loss to Philippine sports, as he was known as the Godfather of Philippine Basketball, after establishing a Philippine men's national basketball program and training pool in the 1980s that would decades later serve as the blueprint for Gilas Pilipinas;

**WHEREAS**, his support for Philippine athletes continued well past the eighties, as he became a huge sports patron, owning three of the most popular and successful Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) teams: San Miguel Beermen, Barangay Ginebra San Miguel, and Magnolia Hotshots, and also funding the La Salle Green Archers men's basketball team;

**WHEREAS**, his passing is a great loss not only to his bereaved family and the business sector but to the entire Filipino nation as well;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines to express its profound sympathy and sincere condolences on the death of former Ambassador Eduardo "Danding" M. Cojuangco Jr., and honoring his contributions to Philippine politics, business, and sports.

*Adopted,*

  
**JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI**