

SENATE

P. S. RES. NO. 493

Introduced by Senate President Vicente C. Sotto III

Sen. Amelio M. Lacson and Sen. Francis "Tot" N. Tolentino

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE EDGARDO "EDDIE" U. ILARDE, FORMER SENATOR, FORMER MAMBABATAS PAMBANSA (ASSEMBLYMAN), AND FORMER MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, the Honorable Edgardo U. Ilarde, popularly known as "Kuya Eddie", former Senator (1972), former Mambabatas Pambansa (Assemblyman) in the Interim Batasang Pambansa (1978-1984), former Representative of the First District of Rizal (1965-1969), former Councilor of Pasay City (1963-1965), radio and television host, broadcasting icon, journalist, and a dedicated public servant, passed away on 4 August 2020, at the age of 85;

WHEREAS, after he graduated with honors from the Iriga Central High School in Iriga, Camarines Sur, the youthful "Eddie" migrated to Manila and supported himself in obtaining his college education by working as a part-time employee in the DZRH radio station of the Manila Broadcasting Company and as a newspaper vendor and a shoe-shine boy;

WHEREAS, as a journalism student at the Far Eastern University (FEU), he was an active campus personality and a consistent scholastic achiever, winning gold medals in various oratorical and debate competitions;

WHEREAS, in 1953, at the age of 19, he started his broadcasting career as one of the regular radio announcer at DZRH and over the years he introduced the following television and radio programs, to wit: "The Eddie Ilarde Show" (1955); "Kahapon Lamang" (1955); "Student Canteen" (1958); "Kapwa Ko, Mahal Ko" (1975); and "Yagit" (1983);

WHEREAS, in 1963, after ten years of extensive media experience and exposure, he ran for and won as councilor of Pasay City, garnering the highest number of votes among the candidates;

WHEREAS, as an independent candidate in 1965, he was elected as Representative of the First District of Rizal and served as Chairperson of the Committee on Fishing Industries in the 6th Congress;

WHEREAS, as Member of the House of Representatives, he authored and sponsored Republic Act (RA) No. 4864, otherwise known as the "Police Act of 1966", which was basically aimed at achieving and attaining a higher degree of efficiency in the organization, administration, and operation of local police agencies, as well as professionalizing the local police, and bravely exposed anomalies such as land-grabbing, kickbacks, housing problems, and police brutality, among others;

WHEREAS, on August 21, 1971, while campaigning for the November 8, 1971 senatorial elections at Plaza Miranda in Quiapo, Manila, a bomb exploded, seriously injuring him and his fellow candidates and members of the Liberal Party, and as fate would have it, he was proclaimed as among the winners but his term was cut short when martial law was declared on September 21, 1972;

WHEREAS, on April 7, 1978, he was elected as Mambabatas Pambansa (Assemblyman) of the Interim Batasang Pambansa representing Metro Manila;

WHEREAS, fully aware of the predicaments of the poor patients when availing of hospital services, he teamed up with fellow Mambabatas Pambansa Felipe de Vera of Pangasinan for the passage in 1984 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 702, entitled "An Act Prohibiting The Demand Of Deposits Or Advance Payments For The Confinement Or Treatment Of Patients In Hospitals And Medical Clinics In Certain Cases", which law was later amended and strengthened by RA No. 8344 and RA No. 10932 on August 25, 1997 and August 3, 2017, respectively;

WHEREAS, for his exemplary performance and invaluable contribution to society, he was a recipient of different awards and recognition, such as the "Outstanding Alumnus Award" from the FEU (1957), the "Most Outstanding Congressman" Award (1967), the 11th Gawad Tanglaw Award "sa Sining ng Radyo" (2013), the 6th Dakilang Adhikain ng Ating Lahi, or "Dangal" Awards for Elderly Care (2018), and the Philippine Movie Press Club Star Awards for Lifetime Achievement for Radio and Television;

WHEREAS, even in his private capacity, he still actively participated in the fight to protect the environment and the people through his article published in the March 14, 1992 issue of the Free Press, entitled, "A Poisoned Land" wherein he exposed and condemned the failure of the US government to manage properly hazardous wastes in its military bases in the country, unmindful of their adverse and pernicious effects to ground water and on the health of the people living in the area;

WHEREAS, to advance his personal and long-time advocacies, he organized associations such as the Maharlika Foundation For National Transformation Inc., a values-oriented movement that seeks to replace the name of the country, "Philippines," with "Maharlika" and the Golden Eagles Society International Inc., an organization of senior citizens that pushes for the creation of the Commission for the Elderly to promote and protect the dignity and welfare of the elder members of society;

WHEREAS, the passing away of a dedicated public servant, who had lived a full and meaningful life and who had never failed to look back at his humble beginnings, using the same as a constant guide and reminder that the poor and marginalized sector of society deserves no less than what they are entitled to under the constitution and other existing laws consistent with the saying that those who have less in life must have more in law, is a great loss not only to the bereaved family but to the nation as well: Now, therefore, be it


RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, To express, as it hereby expresses, its profound sympathy and sincere condolences on the death of the Honorable Edgardo "Eddie" U. Ilarde, former Senator, former Mambabatas Pambansa (Assemblyman), and former Member of the House of Representatives

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the bereaved family of the late former Senator Edgardo "Eddie" U. Ilarde.

Adopted.


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Senate President


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