



SENATE

P. S. RES. NO. **494**

Introduced by Senate President Vicente C. Sotto III

Senator Panfilo M. Lacson and Senator Francis "Tol" N. Tolentino

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE ALFREDO "FRED" S. LIM, FORMER SENATOR, FORMER MAYOR OF MANILA, AND FORMER SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the Honorable Alfredo "Fred" S. Lim, former Senator, former Manila Mayor, lawyer, radio anchor, former Member of the Cabinet, and former police officer who was known for his relentless enforcement of the law, particularly against illegal drugs and criminality, and for his staunch belief that "[T]he law applies to all, otherwise none at all," joined his Creator on 8 August 2020, at the age of 90;

WHEREAS, he had served the Filipino people, with utmost dedication, honor, and dignity for over six decades in various capacities: Senator (2004-2007), Mayor of Manila (1992-1998 and 2007-2013), Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) (2000-2001), founder of the City College of Manila (now the Universidad de Manila) (1995), Director of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) (1989-1992), Director of the Western Police District (1986-1989), Superintendent of the Philippine National Police Academy (1984-1985), and member of the police force (1951-1989);

WHEREAS, after leaving the Hospicio de San Jose in his pre-school years, the young and brave Fred was determined to rise from the rubble of a failed marriage between his parents and from poverty, finishing his education: Elementary at P. Gomez Elementary School (1943), Secondary at Far Eastern University (1948), Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration (1951) and Bachelor of Laws (1963) both at University of the East, Master's Degree in National Security Administration with honors at the National Defense College of the Philippines (1981), and Doctor Of Philosophy in Criminology at the Philippine College Of Criminology (1998);

WHEREAS, immediately after he graduated from college in 1951, he joined the police force where he exhibited extraordinary dedication to his duties in serving the community and, after more than 30 years, he retired as Major General and as the most heavily decorated police officer in Manila's history;

WHEREAS, upon his retirement from the service as police officer in 1989, he was appointed by then President Corazon C. Aquino as Director of the NBI, where he recommended the modernization of the bureau and successfully lobbied for additional funding to pay the salary increases for agents and other employees, as well as for the creation of additional positions of special investigators to complement regular agents;

WHEREAS, as Manila Mayor for four terms, he worked hard to maintain law and order in his jurisdiction, created several local government-run hospitals for the marginalized residents of the city, established the City College of Manila (now the Universidad de Manila) where tuition is free for the city's poorest students, and instituted reforms in the city government to improve the city's image;

WHEREAS, he was appointed in 2000 as Secretary of the Interior and Local Government by then President Joseph Ejercito Estrada, where he supervised the overall administrative and operational functions of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and helped improve the operational capability of the national police force;

WHEREAS, he was elected Senator in 2004 and served as Chairman of the Committee on Local Government;

WHEREAS, in his brief stint as a Senator, he introduced bills that would address the concerns of the people, particularly the poor, and the country, such as giving free medicines and medical care to indigent patients, protecting the families and relatives of the deceased from harassment of hospitals and funeral parlors, protecting the public from false or fraudulent advertising, exempting the benefits of senior citizens from the value added tax (VAT) and other similar tax laws, providing free tuition and other financial assistance in the form of books, transportation, medical, and clothing allowances to deserving students, helping farmers and fishermen, protecting the people from frame-up, fabricated charges or false indictment, imbining patriotic ideals and love of country upon the youth and preparing them to defend their motherland when the time comes to do so, and prohibiting political dynasty;

WHEREAS, for his outstanding performance and invaluable service to the country as a law enforcement officers and as a public servant, he received 40 medals and 400 commendations, awards, and citation, most notably are the following: "Outstanding Achievement Medal for professional competence as PNPA Superintendent" (1985), Archdiocesan Plaque of Recognition for Leadership (1988), "First Ten Outstanding Police of the Philippines (TOPP) Hall of Fame Award" (1990), "Most Outstanding Law Enforcer Award" (1990), "President Osmena Most Outstanding Public Servant Award" (1992), "Dr Jose P. Rizal Immortal Award" (1994), "Gintong Ama Award"(1994), "Mayor of the First City in Asia"(1994), "Medal Merit" (1996), "Chino Roces Award"(1997), and "The Outstanding Filipino" (1997);

WHEREAS, he also hosted the radio programs "Katapat Mayor Alfredo Lim" and "Katapat at Karancho" where he continued to serve and help the people in their pursuit of justice;

WHEREAS, the untimely demise of a true public servant, who had dedicated almost his entire life in serving his countrymen and whose principles and achievements in life are worth emulating but hard to duplicate, 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 Alfredo "Fred" S. Lim, former Senator, former Mayor of Manila, and former Secretary of the Interior and Local Government

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the bereaved family of the late former Senator Alfredo "Fred" S. Lim.

Adopted,


PANFILO M. LACSON


VICENTE C. SOTTO III
Senate President


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