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SENATE
P.S. Resolution No. 521

Introduced by **Senator Richard J. Gordon**

RESOLUTION
HONORING AND REMEMBERING THE ILLUSTRIOUS LIFE AND EXEMPLARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR AND FOR THE NATION OF FORMER SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE ARNULFO "NOLI" PALMA FUENTEBELLA

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2020, the Province of Camarines Sur lost one of the province's most respected and admired lawmakers and leaders--former Speaker of the House Arnulfo "Noli" Palma Fuentebella after a long battle with chronic renal disease;

WHEREAS, Speaker Noli Fuentebella served for 21 years as Congressman of Camarines Sur being a member of the 9th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 14th, 15th, and the 17th Congress (1992 to 2001, 2004 to 2013, 2016 to 2019);

WHEREAS, during his term with the House of Representatives, Speaker Noli Fuentebella served as the 19th Speaker during the 11th Congress (November 2000 - January 2001), Deputy Speaker for Luzon during the 14th and 15th Congress (2007 - 2013);

WHEREAS, he previously served as an assemblyman in the Interim Batasang Pambansa for the years 1978 to 1984;

WHEREAS, as Chairperson of the House Committee on Energy, Speaker Noli Fuentebella filed and shepherded the landmark Electric Power Industry Reform Act or EPIRA, hailed as a pro-market reform that is strategic to the goal of providing reliable and competitively-priced electricity in the country;

WHEREAS, Speaker Noli Fuentebella turned the 4th District of Camarines Sur, also known as the "Partido District," into a national model of district development planning in the region, through Republic Act No. 7820 establishing the Partido Development Administration;

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in realizing the creation of the second largest National Road Network in the Bicol Region that spanned over 270 kilometers, as well as the electrification of all 299 barangays of Camarines Sur;

WHEREAS, he actively sought the creation of schools that brought education to the barrios, and established the Partido State University and the Philippine Science High School-Bicol region campus;

WHEREAS, Speaker Noli Fuentebella was a consistent leader in his youth: as proud Boy Scout, at the age of fifteen years old, he became the Philippine delegate to the Boy Scouts of America in 1960, and attained the rank of Life Scout;

WHEREAS, he graduated from the University of the Philippines College of Law class of 1970 and was admitted to the Philippine Bar in 1971;

WHEREAS, he was a good father and his example of leadership and public service will continue in his family--the Fuentebella clan of public servants to Camarines Sur and to the country;

NOW, RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, for the Senate of the Philippines to express, as it hereby expresses, its profound sympathy and sincere condolences to his wife Evelyn, his children and his entire family, and also to the House of Representatives and the Provincial Government of Camarines Sur on the passing of Speaker Arnulfo "Noli" Palma Fuentebella;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the bereaved members of his family and the House of Representatives and the Provincial Government of Camarines Sur.

Adopted,



RICHARD J. GORDON

Senator