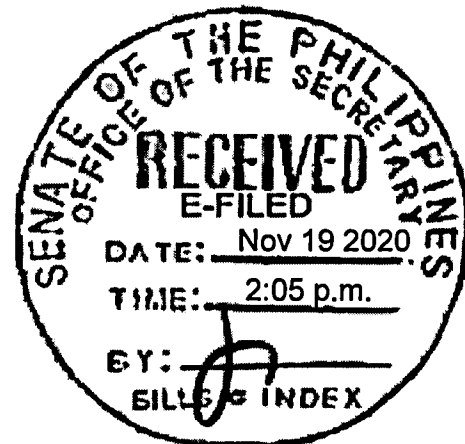


EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE)
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SENATE

P. S. RES. NO 576

Introduced by SENATOR JOEL VILLANUEVA

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE ON THE DEATH OF HONORABLE RAUL V. DEL MAR, SERVANT LEADER, "CHAMPION OF THE MEDIA", AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRST DISTRICT OF CEBU CITY

WHEREAS, the Honorable Raul V. Del Mar, a true servant leader, a "Champion of the Media", and an incumbent member of the House of Representatives of the 18th Congress passed away on November 16, 2020, at the age of 79;

WHEREAS, he represented the First District of Cebu City for nine (9) terms, beginning with the 8th Congress in 1987, 9th, 10th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 16th, 17th and until the current 18th Congress. For fifteen years (1987-1998 / 2001-2005), he recorded a perfect attendance in the lower chamber;

WHEREAS, with his 26 combined years of service as a lawmaker, Congressman Del Mar was a true representative and voice of the Cebuanos. He worked tirelessly for the passage of the Charter of the Cebu Port Authority (RA 7621) and the Charter of the Mactan-Cebu International Airport Authority (RA 6958) that opened opportunities to diverse economic advantage for Central Visayas;

WHEREAS, in order to realize the Mega Cebu 2050 vision, he pushed for the establishment of the Mega Cebu Development Authority which will cover not only the present "Metro Cebu" but the entire island of Cebu;

WHEREAS, amid the pandemic and even though he was already admitted to the hospital, he was still able to sponsor three poverty alleviation measures last October: House Bill No. 7899 or the "*Social Amelioration Program Act of 2020*"; House Bill No. 7900 or the "*Saving Families in Severe Hunger Act of 2020*" and House Bill No. 7901 or the "*Healthier, Brighter and Taller Filipino Children Act of 2020*";

WHEREAS, he proved himself a statesman by promoting the national interest through the 40 laws that he principally authored such as the "*Anti-Money Laundering Law*" (Republic Act 9160), the "*Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002*" (RA 9165) and the "*Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004*" (RA 9262), among others;

WHEREAS, in the course of his career as a public servant, he received numerous awards and recognitions, including the "*Award in Recognition of Uncompromising and Undaunting Advocacy in Congress for the Protection of the Rights of the Unborn, of Authentic Rights of the Family and for Fidelity to the Public Trust and Demands of Christian Citizenship*" given by the Archdiocese of Cebu and Human Life International thru Ricardo J. Cardinal Vidal";

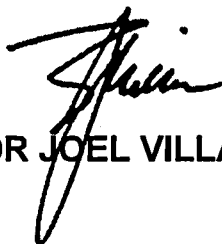
WHEREAS, as a son of a veteran journalist and as a former manager of a local newspaper in Cebu City, he devoted years of his life and ceaseless effort towards a free and responsible press. This earned him the reputation of being "*Kampeyon sa Medya*" or champion of the media;

WHEREAS, as a lawyer and businessman, he devoted himself to the advancement of communities and humanity through his membership and leadership roles on various cause-oriented organizations such as the Rotary International, the Jaycees International, the Cebu Metropolitan Lions Club, and the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, to express, as it hereby expresses, its profound sympathy and sincere condolences on the death of Honorable Raul V. Del Mar, servant leader, "*Champion of the Media*" and Representative of the First District of Cebu City.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be given to the bereaved family of the late Congressman Raul V. Del Mar.

Adopted,


SENATOR JOEL VILLANUEVA