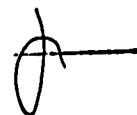


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RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCE OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF HONORABLE DANILO D. LIM, CHAIRMAN OF THE METROPOLITAN MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, FORMER DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS AND A RETIRED BEMEDALED SOLDIER

WHEREAS, Danilo "Danny" D. Lim, a distinguished public servant who served the nation in various capacities - as a soldier who has rose up to the rank of Brigadier General of the Armed Forces of the Philippines; as Deputy Commissioner of the Bureau of Customs (September 2011 to July 2013); and as Chairman of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (May 2017 to January 2021) - passed away on January 6, 2021 at the age of sixty five (65) years old;

WHEREAS, as a brilliant young man who was born and raised in Solano, Nueva Vizcaya, he took and topped the entrance exams to the Philippine Military Academy (PMA), which he subsequently joined and where he became a member of the PMA Makatarungan Class 1978;

WHEREAS, while serving as a plebe at the PMA, he was privileged to be accepted at the prestigious United States Military Academy (USMA) at West Point, New York, one of the world's premier military academies;

WHEREAS, after graduating at USMA West Point, he returned to the Philippines and joined the Scout Rangers, an elite unit of soldiers that specializes in doing surgical strikes against communist lairs in rural areas of the country;

WHEREAS, while serving as a military officer, he has exemplified bravery and excellence, for which he earned numerous accolades, including the Presidential Medal of Merit;

WHEREAS, he was incarcerated on charges of rebellion for his involvement one of the leaders of the Manila Peninsula siege in November 2007 against the administration of then President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo; subsequently, he was granted amnesty by President Benigno "Noy" S. Aquino III;

WHEREAS, in September 2011, he was appointed by President Noy Aquino as Deputy Commissioner for Intelligence of the Bureau of Customs and during his stint as such, he was credited for the seizures of smuggled items in record breaking numbers and the stricter policing of the personnel in his division¹; however, he resigned in July 2013 allegedly because he became frustrated with the magnitude of corruption in the Bureau and experienced difficulty in fulfilling his mandate and to continue with his reforms.²;

WHEREAS, in May 2017, he was appointed by President Rodrigo Duterte as Chairman of MMDA and under his leadership, he envisioned MMDA to become one of the most transparent government agencies that the public can trust and thus, he was instrumental in introducing the following reforms, among others: he implemented and instilled strict discipline among its employees but ensured that they are protected with accident insurance and other allied benefits; he transformed MMDA as an "enabling support" in the implementation of measures aimed to enhance mobility in Metro Manila, particularly in the midst of the COVID pandemic; he instituted a wide-ranging and efficient road-clearing program to bring back public roads to pedestrians and help in easing the traffic flow of vehicles; and over-all, he worked tirelessly in programs and initiatives aimed to make Metro Manila a better and safer place³;

WHEREAS, as MMDA Chairman, he has also demonstrated that he was a strong advocate for the protection of the environment as he has constantly and

¹ <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/451377/danilo-lim-resigns-from-boc>

² <https://tribune.net.ph/index.php/2021/01/06/mmda-chief-danilo-lim-dies-after-catching-covid-19/>

³ <https://businessmirror.com.ph/2021/01/07/bemedaled-general-mmda-chief/>

actively participated in various environmental programs, particularly the clean-up, mangrove planting and other related programs and activities initiated by Sen. Cytnhia Villar at the Las Piñas Parañaque Wetland Park, a protected area, and at the Baseco, Manila, as well as the ongoing clean-up and rehabilitation of Manila Bay;

WHEREAS, unmindful of the risks brought by the COVID-19 pandemic, he tirelessly remained proactive and continuously reported for work at MMDA to fulfill its mandates as one of the frontline agencies assisting to address the public health emergency;

WHEREAS, he will always be remembered as a principled gentleman, who has served his country and the Filipino people well with patriotism, bravery, competence, diligence, and integrity;

WHEREAS, his passing away is a great loss not only to his bereaved family but also to the people and country he had selflessly served: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To express, as it is hereby expresses, its profound sympathy and sincere condolence on the death of Honorable Danilo "Danny" D. Lim, Chairman of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (2017 – 2021), a former Deputy Commissioner of the Bureau of Customs Senator (2011 - 2013), and a retired bemedaled Filipino soldier.

Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished to his bereaved family

Adopted,


CYNTHIA A. VILLAR