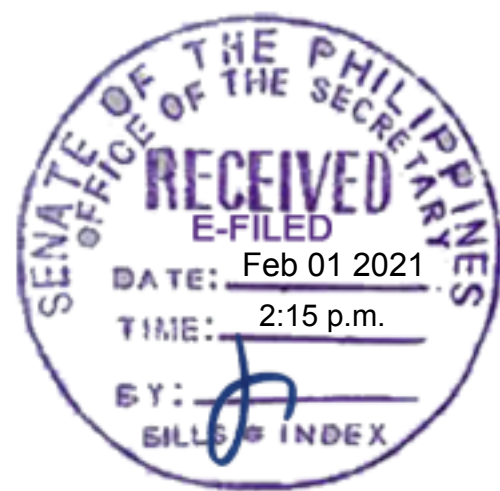


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Introduced by Senator RICHARD J. GORDON

RESOLUTION
**HONORING THE LIFE DEDICATED TO PUBLIC SERVICE OF SENATOR VICTOR SAN
ANDRES ZIGA EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE
CONDOLENCE OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON HIS DEATH ON JANUARY
31, 2021 AT 75 YEARS OF AGE**

WHEREAS, Senator Victor “Vic” San Andres Ziga is a public servant from Bicol coming from a family of leaders, known for their public service, excellence and work ethics. He was born on September 30, 1945 in Manila.¹ His father Venancio Prieto Ziga was the former governor (1946-1951) and congressman (1961-1969) of Albay and his mother, Tecla San Andres Ziga, former congresswoman of Albay (1956-1961) is the first female senator of the Republic (1963-1969) and the first female bar topnotcher in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Senator Ziga pursued excellence in education by studying in schools of known reputation for academic excellence both within the country and abroad. He is an alumnus of Ateneo de Manila University, University of Santo Tomas and the University of California in Los Angeles. He passed the bar in 1975;

WHEREAS, Senator Ziga, served with distinction and good work ethic in every government position he held;

WHEREAS, he ran and won in the 1984 Batas Pambansa elections and from June 30, 1984 to March 25, 1986, became an Assemblyman from Albay;

WHEREAS, as an Assemblyman, he advocated for the rehabilitation of drug addicts and drug prevention among the youth. He proposed laws for the establishment of the National Rehabilitation Center for drug addicts, as well as on requiring secondary schools to teach drug addiction and drug abuse. He also proposed laws on increasing the minimum basic monthly salaries of public school teachers;

WHEREAS, in the same year, 1986, Senator Ziga was appointed as Cabinet Minister of General Services, after which he served as a senator;²

WHEREAS, in 1987, he was elected as Senator for the 8th Congress from June 30, 1987 to June 30, 1992. He became part of the Commission on Appointments, Senate Electoral Tribunal and sixteen other committees.³ As a Senator, he passed various landmark laws such as the Senior Citizen’s Law in 1987 as well as the Build, Operate and Transfer Law;

¹ <https://www.set.gov.ph/member-senators/1424/hon-senator-victor-s-ziga/>

² <https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/1986/06/10/memorandum-order-no-16-s-1986/>

³ http://legacy.senate.gov.ph/senators/former_senators/victor_ziga.htm

WHEREAS, Senator Ziga was always actively involved in typhoon relief operations and civic organizations such as the free Medical Eye Specialist Mission and the Medical Mission of the Philippine General Hospital, where he truly expressed his deep concern for those who have less in life;

WHEREAS, Senator Ziga was a man of integrity, honesty and worthy of emulation;

WHEREAS, Senator Ziga passed away on January 31, 2021, leaving behind his wife Carmen Velasco Ziga and his children- Christian, Diane, Caroline, Vic Jr., Rick, Brian, and Mayte;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for the Senate of the Republic of the Philippines to honor and extol the life of Senator Victor San Andres Ziga, dedicated for public service and expresses, as it hereby expresses, profound sympathy and sincere condolences to his family on his passing on January 21, 2021 at 75 years of age;

RESOLVED, further, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to his bereaved family.


RICHARD J. GORDON