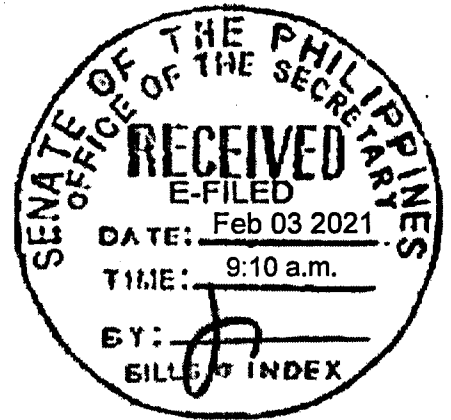


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Introduced by Senator RICHARD J. GORDON

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**RESOLUTION**  
**HONORING THE LIFE DEDICATED TO PUBLIC SERVICE OF**  
**SENATOR JOHN HENRY OSMEÑA EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND**  
**SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCE OF THE SENATE OF THE**  
**PHILIPPINES ON HIS DEATH ON FEBRUARY 2, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, Senator John Henry Osmeña is a public servant from Cebu City from a family of leaders known for their public service, excellence and work ethics. He was born on January 17, 1935 to Emilio Osmeña and Ma. Louisa Renner.<sup>1</sup> He is a grandson of the late President Sergio Osmeña, Sr.

**WHEREAS**, Senator John Henry Osmeña pursued excellence in education by studying in universities of academic excellence. He is an alumnus of the University of San Carlos where he earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering and pursued further studies in the University of the Philippines and the International Social Development Institution in Holland.<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, Senator John Henry Osmeña served as Councilor of Cebu City in 1963, as Vice Mayor of Cebu City in 1968, as Cebu City's 2nd District Representative in 1969. He was first elected to the Senate in 1971 but went on exile in the United States after former President Marcos declared martial law. He came back immediately after the assassination of Senator Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino on August 21, 1983.

**WHEREAS**, in 1970, Senator John Henry Osmeña was named as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) of the country for his exemplary performance in Government Service.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://legacy.senate.gov.ph/senators/former\\_senators/john\\_osmena.htm](http://legacy.senate.gov.ph/senators/former_senators/john_osmena.htm)

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**WHEREAS**, Senator John Henry Osmeña was appointed officer-in-charge mayor of Cebu City in 1986. He was again elected Senator in 1987 and in 1992. He became the Representative of the 3rd District of Cebu in 1995 before gaining the senatorial post in the 1998 elections. He also became Mayor of Toledo City in 2013 to 2019.<sup>3</sup>

**WHEREAS**, Senator John Henry Osmeña, during his senatorial stint, was a fierce debater and stood by his principles. He also showed passion for the advancement of communications, technology, and energy, sponsoring a number of development-oriented bills such as the Municipal Telephone Act (Republic Act 6849); the Mini-Hydroelectric Program (RA 7156); the Public Telecommunications Act of 1995 (RA 7925); the creation of the Philippine Postal Corporation (RA 7354), among others. He also authored landmark bills like the Electric Power Crisis Act (RA 7648) and the Build Operate Law (RA 7718).

**WHEREAS**, Senator John Henry Osmeña was responsible for the creation of the Department of Energy (DOE) in 1992, also known as RA 7638, which is now a vital department in our country.

**WHEREAS**, Senator Osmeña passed away on February 2, 2021. He is survived by son former Vice Governor John Gregory Osmena, grandsons, sister Annie Osmeña-Aboitiz, and brother former Gov. Lito Osmeña.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, for the Senate of the Republic of the Philippines to honor and extol the life of Senator John Henry Osmeña, dedicated for public service and expresses, as it hereby expresses, profound sympathy and sincere condolences to his family on his passing on February 2, 2021 at 86 years of age.

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

  
**RICHARD J. GORDON**

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<sup>3</sup> <https://cnnphilippines.com/news/2021/2/2/former-senator-sonny-osmena-dies.html>