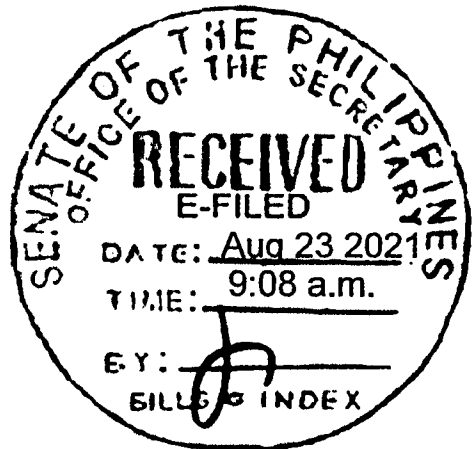


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Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

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**RESOLUTION**  
**EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF**  
**THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF FORMER DEPUTY**  
**SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CEBU GOVERNOR**  
**PABLO PARAS GARCIA**

1 WHEREAS, former Cebu Governor and former deputy Speaker of the House of  
2 Representatives Pablo "Pabling" Paras Garcia passed away on 18 August 2021 at the  
3 age of 95;

4 WHEREAS, he dedicated more than six decades of his life to public service,  
5 occupying important positions in the municipal and provincial governments and the  
6 legislature;

7 WHEREAS, he placed third in the 1951 Bar Examinations and eventually became  
8 a successful trial lawyer, law professor and known constitutionalist;

9 WHEREAS, he started his career in public service as Municipal Councilor of  
10 Dumanjug, Cebu in 1951. He then became Senior Board Member of the Province of  
11 Cebu in 1967 until 1969, and served as Provincial Vice Governor from 1969 to 1971;

12 WHEREAS, he represented the Third Congressional District of Cebu in the  
13 House of Representatives for two consecutive terms from 1987 to 1995 during the  
14 Eighth and Ninth Congresses;

15 WHEREAS, he became a three-term Governor of the Province of Cebu from  
16 1995 to 2004;

1           WHEREAS, he returned to the House of Representatives as Congressman of the  
2 Second District of Cebu from 2007 to 2013, during which he was elected as the  
3 chamber's Deputy Speaker;

4           WHEREAS, his leadership as Provincial Governor oversaw major development  
5 projects in Cebu, such as the concreting of at least four major provincial roads,  
6 construction of more than 500 kilometers of farm-to-market roads, rural electrification  
7 of barangays, enhanced access to clean and potable water, erection of modern spaces  
8 and buildings, among others;

9           WHEREAS, his immense contribution to the provincial and regional socio-  
10 economic growth and to the upliftment of the lives of the people endeared him to the  
11 Cebuanos, making him a respected public servant, and a proud and beloved son of  
12 the Province of Cebu;

13           WHEREAS, as a seasoned legislator, he authored and steered the passage of  
14 numerous meaningful laws, both local and national in scope. He was recognized as  
15 the principal author of the law lowering the age of majority from twenty-one to  
16 eighteen years, the Act Strengthening the Juvenile Justice System, the Act  
17 Strengthening the Functional and Structural Organization of the Sandiganbayan, the  
18 Philippine Cooperative Code of 2008, among others.

19           WHEREAS, his inspiring rise in the political arena, characterized by exemplary  
20 work, intelligence and integrity, became the shining example of and paved the way  
21 for his children to become effective leaders in their respective fields, who followed his  
22 footsteps and ideals, and continued his legacy of genuine public service;

23           WHEREAS, his passing is a great loss to the Province of Cebu, and to the entire  
24 nation as well;

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26           NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to  
27 express the profound sympathy and sincere condolences of the Senate of the  
28 Philippines on the death of former Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives  
29 and Cebu Governor Pablo Paras Garcia;

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31           RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to his  
32 bereaved family.

*Adopted,*

  
**RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.**