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Introduced by Sen. Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

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**RESOLUTION**  
**EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF**  
**THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF FORMER JAPANESE**  
**PRIME MINISTER SHINZO ABE**

**Whereas**, former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe passed away on 8 July 2022 at the age of 67;

**Whereas**, Mr. Abe was tragically killed by an assassin's bullet while giving a campaign speech in the city of Nara in Japan;

**Whereas**, Mr. Abe was the former leader of the Liberal Democratic Party and Japan's longest-serving Prime Minister, holding office from 2006 to 2007, and again from 2012 to 2020, before resigning from the position for the second time due to an intestinal disease known as ulcerative colitis;

**Whereas**, born in Tokyo on 21 September 1954, Mr. Abe was the son of Yoko Kishi and former foreign minister Shintaro Abe, and grandson of former prime minister Nobusuke Kishi;

**Whereas**, after graduating with a degree in Political Science from the Seikei University in Tokyo in 1977, Mr. Abe continued his studies on public policy at the University of Southern Carolina in the United States for three semesters;

**Whereas**, Mr. Abe was first elected as a legislator for the Liberal Democratic Party in 1993, representing the Yamaguchi Prefecture;

**Whereas**, before being elected as the head of the Liberal Democratic Party in 2005, Mr. Abe was also appointed as Chief Cabinet Secretary under Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi in the same year;

**Whereas**, during his term as Prime Minister, Mr. Abe pushed for policies that aimed to revitalize Japan's economy, with a comprehensive policy package combining fiscal expansion, monetary easing, and structural reform, which later came to be known as "Abenomics";

**Whereas**, under his able leadership, Japan and the Philippines were able to foster a relationship that was based on cooperation and mutual trust, with Japan

becoming the Philippines' second largest trading partner after the United States by the year 2007, and its top trading partner by the year 2015;

**Whereas**, on his visit to the Philippines in January 2017, Prime Minister Abe pledged to provide one (1) trillion yen in assistance over the following five years, including Official Development Assistance (ODA) and private sector investments, and he also led the establishment of a Joint Committee on Infrastructure Development and Economic Cooperation to monitor the implementation of cooperation projects;

**Whereas**, assistance to various projects and initiatives were awarded to the Philippines during his time as Prime Minister, among them: a 5.2 million dollar grant for high-speed boats and counter-terrorism equipment, a 23.5 billion peso loan for Covid-19 response, a one (1) trillion yen assistance to the government's "Build, Build, Build" program, as well as aid for the completion of massive infrastructure projects such as the Metro Manila Subway project;

**Whereas**, Mr. Abe is survived by his wife, Akie Abe, who he married in 1987;

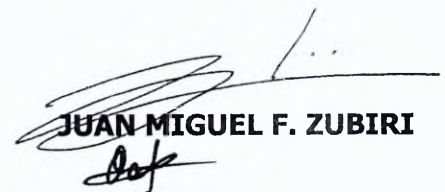
**Whereas**, the Philippines joins the family of Mr. Abe, the people of Japan, and the rest of the world in grieving the death of a beloved son and husband, and a respected public servant;

**Whereas**, the passing away of a true ally, a great statesman, and an outstanding world leader whose invaluable support and contribution to the Philippines will always be remembered and whose service and legacy will never be forgotten, will be mourned by a grateful Filipino nation: Now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines**, To express, as it is hereby expresses, its profound sympathy and sincere condolences on the death of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe;

**Resolved, further**, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of the late Shinzo Abe and to the Embassy of Japan in the Philippines.

Adopted,

  
**JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI**