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Introduced by **Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid**

RESOLUTION

**EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF
THE SENATE ON THE DEATH OF THE LONGEST-SERVING JAPANESE PRIME
MINISTER SHINZO ABE**

WHEREAS, the longest-serving Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (PM Abe) has passed away on July 8, 2022 at the age of 67;

WHEREAS, Abe graduated from the capital's Seikei University in 1977. After graduating, he moved to the United States to study English, political science, history, and international relations at the University of Southern California;

WHEREAS, coming from a prominent political family, the son of former foreign minister Shintaro Abe and the grandson of post-war prime minister Nobusuke Kishi, PM Abe began his career as a member of the House of Representatives in 1993;

WHEREAS, PM Abe served as the government's chief cabinet secretary in 2005 to 2006, and as prime minister twice from 2006 to 2007 and from 2012 to 2020. He was the longest-serving prime minister in Japan's history after serving for almost nine years as such, and the youngest to be elected Japanese premier in 2006;

WHEREAS, PM Abe also served as the president of Liberal Democratic Party, which is a member of our International Conference of Asian Political Parties, a Philippines-led initiative founded and launched in Manila in 2000;

WHEREAS, although he left office in 2020, PM Abe remained to be the head of the largest faction in National Diet, the most powerful figure in Japanese politics, even the without any formal title;

WHEREAS, providing for a solution to the recovery following a recession in the 1990s, PM Abe launched "Abenomics" and became known for the same. His economic policies were focused on a three-arrowed approach, namely, monetary easing, fiscal stimulus, and structural reforms;

WHEREAS, during PM Abe's tenure, Japan became the second largest trading partner of the Philippines, with about \$7.3 billion imports in 2006. At the same time, the Philippines also started to export products to Japan like woodcraft furniture, electronic products, ignition writing sets, fresh bananas, and iron ores;

WHEREAS, during PM Abe's official visit in 2017, Japan granted the Philippines \$5.2-million for high-speed boats and counterterrorism equipment. He also pledged P424 billion investment and development assistance aid over the next five years;

WHEREAS, in 2007, Japan became the first foreign government to adopt a Philippine eagle, when PM Abe officially adopted "Sakura", a rescued eagle from Davao del Norte;

WHEREAS, in 2020, during PM Abe's second tenure, Japan became the first donor-country to offer a loan to the Philippines to address the COVID-19 pandemic, where the Philippines received P23.5 billion loan;

WHEREAS, the tragic demise of one of the most influential world leaders of our time is a loss for the whole of the international community. With the hope that we continue with our partnership with Japan in preserving peace and the rule of law and fostering economic prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region, it is thus proper that we extend our deepest condolences to PM Abe's family and to all of Japan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, the Senate expresses its profound sympathy and sincere condolences on the death of the longest-serving Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to his bereaved family through the Embassy of Japan in the Philippines.

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator