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P.S. Res. No. 520

Introduced by Senators Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Loren Legarda, Joel Villanueva, Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, Francis G. Escudero, Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada, Pia S. Cayetano, Christopher Lawrence T. Go, Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay, Ramon Bong Revilla Jr., Win Gatchalian, Robinhood Padilla, Imee R. Marcos, Grace Poe, Alan Peter "Compañero" S. Cayetano

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF NEGROS ORIENTAL GOVERNOR ROEL RAGAY DEGAMO

WHEREAS, Governor Roel Ragay Degamo of Negros Oriental died on March 4, 2023 at the age of 56 after he was shot dead in broad daylight by armed men in his home in Pamplona, Negros Oriental;

WHEREAS, Governor Degamo was born on April 29, 1966 at Siaton, Negros Oriental to Spouses Arturo Degamo and Luzviminda Ragay. He was married to Janice Mira Vallega with whom he had two children: Nyrth Christian and Carlo;

WHEREAS, Governor Degamo finished his primary education in 1978 at Pio Macahig Memorial School in Siaton, Negros Oriental, his secondary education in 1982 at the St. Louis School, a Catholic school in Dumaguete City, and earned his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree in 1989 from Silliman University, passing the licensure exam on the same year;

WHEREAS, before entering politics, Governor Degamo held various positions in the National Power Corporation: as a driver, senior plant mechanic, and electrical control operator;

WHEREAS, Governor Degamo's political career started when he was elected as Councilor in Siaton, Negros Oriental from 1998 to 2007 for which he was elected as president of the Provincial Councilors League of Negros Oriental from 2004 to 2007;

WHEREAS, in 2007, Governor Degamo was elected as one of the regular members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the 3rd District of Negros Oriental, and in 2010 he sought re-election in the same post and ranked first such that when governor-elect Emilio Macias II passed away before taking his oath in June 2010, vice governor-elect Agustin Perdices assumed the gubernatorial post giving way to Degamo to succeed as Vice Governor;

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2011, Governor Agustin Perdices died due to an illness, leaving the gubernatorial seat to the then-vice governor, Roel Degamo, to serve and complete the unfinished term of deceased governors Macias and Perdices;

WHEREAS, Governor Degamo ran and was elected as governor in 2013 and would later on prove successful in seeking consecutive re-elections as he won all three of his gubernatorial bids thereafter in 2016, 2019 and 2022;

WHEREAS, Governor Degamo is known for his flagship program called HELP which stands for Health, Education and Environment, Livelihood Programs, and Projects for Peace and Development, a call for unity in the province putting premium on economic development in attaining lasting peace and progress in Negros Oriental;

WHEREAS, he was credited for having communist rebels return to the fold of law under his leadership, in fact he reported in February 2023 that the province was at 80 percent in achieving zero insurgency;

WHEREAS, under the reins of Governor Degamo, Negros Oriental was known as the first province in the Philippines to institutionalize unequivocal support and commitment to renewable energy sources by prioritizing the utilization of clean, renewable energy, which is abundant in the province, and shun operations and activities including sourcing and use of energy sources that are destructive to the environment and harmful to its citizens' health and livelihood;

WHEREAS, the tragic death of Governor Degamo is a great loss not only to his bereaved family but to the province of Negros Oriental as well, and the Senate of the Philippines joins Negros Oriental in mourning the death of its patriarch;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines to express its profound sympathy and sincere condolences on the death of Negros Oriental Governor Roel Ragay Degamo.

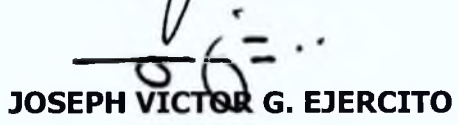
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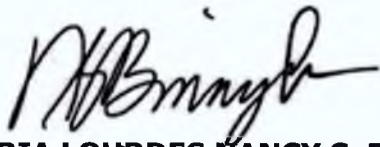

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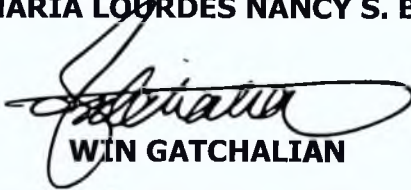

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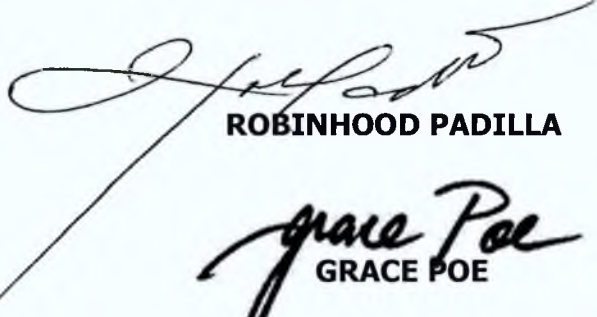
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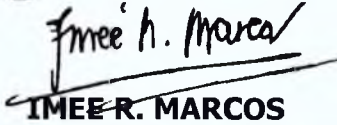
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