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## Introduced by SENATOR CYNTHIA A. VILLAR

## RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF HON. CARLOS M. PADILLA, THE GOVERNOR OF THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA, ON 5 MAY 2023

**WHEREAS,** the Philippine Senate has in several occasions paid it respects to remarkable Filipinos for their legacy and contribution to the country;

**WHEREAS,** Governor Carlos M. Padilla of Nueva Viscaya died on May 5, 2023 at the age of 79, succumbing to Acute Myocardial Infarction at his residence in Barangay Quirino, Municipality of Solano in the said province;

WHEREAS, Governor Padilla was born on September 19, 1944, in Dupax del Norte, Nueva Vizcaya to parents Constancio Padilla and Victoriano Mapili. He was married to Ruth Raña Padilla and had three children, Carlos Jr, Ruthie May, and Carlo Paolo, and his grandchildren;

**WHEREAS**, Governor Padilla obtained his Bachelor of Commerce degree from the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP), where he served as President of the Student Council and received the Outstanding Alumnus Award. He also received his doctorate degree in Public Administration, honoris causa, from PUP;

**WHEREAS**, prior to his successful career as a veteran lawmaker, he served as a Local Chief Executive of the then undivided Municipality of Dupax, Nueva Vizcaya;

**WHEREAS**, Governor Padilla will be remembered as the last Mayor to serve the old Dupax and the first mayor to serve Dupax Del Norte;

**WHEREAS,** Governor Padilla dedicated 29 years to the realm of legislation as the Representative of the Lone District of Nueva Vizcaya, including a six-year stint in the Batasang Pambansa. He served as an assemblyman for Nueva Vizcaya in the interim Batasang Pambansa from 1978 to 1984 and as a representative for the Lone Legislative District of Nueva Vizcaya during the Eighth Congress from 1987 to 1992, Tenth to Twelfth Congresses from 1995 to 2004, and Fourteenth to Sixteenth Congress from 2007 to 2016; he was also the Governor of Nueva Vizcaya from 2016 until his demise on May 5, 2023;

**WHEREAS**, Hon. Padilla, during his tenure in Congress, served as Deputy Speaker and a Minority Leader. He also became a member of significant congressional bodies, such as the Commission on Appointments (CA) and the House of Representatives Electoral Tribunal (HRET);

**WHEREAS**, Governor Padilla shall be remembered for the enactment of several landmark pieces of legislation, such as RA 6655, "Establishing and Providing for Free Public Secondary Education in the Philippines" and RA 6728, "Establishing the PESFA Scholarship, the Educational Service Contracting (ESC) Program for Private Schools, and Other Programs";

whereas, Governor Padilla, known as the "Legend of the North," is celebrated for his unwavering dedication to service and remarkable contributions to his fellow Novo Vizcayanos and the Filipino people. He played a pivotal role in transforming the Nueva Vizcaya into a province with a vibrant culture and thriving economy. Under his leadership, he spearheaded numerous infrastructure projects, sustainable livelihood programs, and agri-fishery development initiatives, including the establishment of a solar-powered cold storage facility and depot pilot project aimed at ensuring food security. Furthermore, he proactively addressed the adverse effects of destructive mining activities and implemented various socio-economic projects;

**WHEREAS**, Governor Padilla will forever hold a special place in the hearts of the people he served, as he exemplified passion and unwavering commitment to public service;

**WHEREAS**, the demise of Governor Padilla is a great loss not only to his bereaved family and the Novo Vizcayanos, but to the whole nation as well and the Senate of the Philippines joins his family and Nueva Vizcaya in mourning the death of its patriarch: 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 Negros Vizcaya Governor Carlos M. Padilla;

**Resolved Further**, that a copy of this Resolution be given to the bereaved family of Governor Padilla.

Adopted,

CYNTHIA A. VILLAR