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Introduced by Senator JOEL VILLANUEVA

RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE
CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH
OF NUEVA VIZCAYA GOVERNOR CARLOS M. PADILLA

WHEREAS, Nueva Vizcaya Governor Carlos M. Padilla passed away on 05 May 2023 at the age of 78;

WHEREAS, Governor Padilla dedicated his life to public service and for the improvement of the lives of the Filipino people, especially his fellow Novo Vizcayanos. He began his political career in 1975 as the youngest mayor of the then undivided municipality of Dupax in the said province;¹

WHEREAS, for 29 years, he served in Congress as the Representative of the Lone District of Nueva Vizcaya, including six years as one of the eight assemblymen elected to represent Cagayan Valley in the Batasang Pambansa;²

WHEREAS, a longtime advocate of accessible education, Padilla authored several landmark pieces of legislation including Republic Act No. 6655 or the Free Public Secondary Education Act of 1988 and Republic Act No. 6728 or the Government Assistance to Students and Teachers in Private Education Act.³ He also pushed for the development of access roads and bridges in the remote and upland communities in Nueva Vizcaya to bring education closer to the indigenous peoples (IPs);⁴

¹ PIA. *Nueva Vizcaya Governor Carlos Padilla dies at 78*. 08 May 2023. Available at <https://pia.gov.ph/news/2023/05/08/nueva-vizcaya-governor-carlos-padilla-dies-at-78>. Accessed on 28 May 2023.

² League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP). *Profile of Gov. Carlos M. Padilla, Nueva Vizcaya*. Available at <https://lpp.gov.ph/profile-of-gov-carlos-m-padilla-nueva-vizcaya/>. Accessed on 28 May 2023.

³ *Ibid.*

⁴ PIA, *op. cit.*

WHEREAS, Padilla also authored the creation of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the Commission on the Filipino Language (CFL), as well as the establishment of about 45 schools in Nueva Vizcaya including the Philippine Science High School, Cagayan Valley Campus in Bayombong. Likewise, he authored the conversion of the Nueva Vizcaya State Institute of Technology (NVSIT) and the Nueva Vizcaya State Polytechnic College (NVSPC) into the Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU);⁵

WHEREAS, Padilla was a recipient of the Outstanding Alumnus Award and honorary doctorate degree in Public Administration at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP), where he served as President of the Supreme Student Council. He also received honorary degrees in Education from the Philippine Normal University (PNU) and in Humanities from the Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU);⁶

WHEREAS, in March 2017, Governor Padilla’s testimony on the destruction brought by a global gold-mining company to his province was instrumental in the historic Salvadoran legislature vote that made El Salvador the first nation in the world to ban metals mining to save its waterways. Salvadoran environmentalists called him a “visionary environmental leader” and thanked the Filipino people for sharing the governor with them;⁷

WHEREAS, called the “Legend of the North,” Governor Padilla will be remembered for his immense contributions to community development, accessible education, and environmental protection, and his unimpeachable dedication to serve the people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, to express, as it hereby expresses, its profound sympathy and sincere condolences on the death of Nueva Vizcaya Governor Carlos M. Padilla;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of the late Governor Padilla.

Adopted,


JOEL VILLANUEVA 

⁵ LPP, *op. cit.*

⁶ LPP, *op. cit.*

⁷ Rappler. [OPINION] *The far-flung legacy of Carlos Padilla: When a governor clinched a vote that saved a country.* 11 May 2023. Available at <https://www.rappler.com/voices/thought-leaders/opinion-far-flung-legacy-carlos-padilla-governor-vote-saved-country/>. Accessed on 29 May 2023.