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RESOLUTION
**EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF
THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF RODOLFO "PONG" G.
BIAZON**

1 **WHEREAS**, former Senator and Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) chief,
2 Rodolfo "Pong" Gaspar Biazon, passed away on 12 June 2023 at the age of eighty-
3 eight (88)¹;

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5 **WHEREAS**, Senator Biazon was born on April 14, 1935, in Batac, Ilocos Norte.
6 At a young age, he and his siblings had already experienced hardships. After their
7 father died, he and his family had to work very hard to make ends meet, collecting
8 bottles and newspapers, to earn a living. In spite of these challenges, he still
9 persevered to support his education and feed his family by going to school in the
10 morning and working in the afternoon²;

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12 **WHEREAS**, from being the "goat" of the Philippine Military Academy's Class of
13 1961, who graduated at the bottom of the rankings, Senator Biazon made his way
14 through the ranks to head the elite Philippine Marines in 1987, and eventually became
15 the 21st AFP Chief of Staff, the first to be named to the position from the Marine Corps
16 in 1991.³ Senator Biazon also served as the AFP Vice Chief of Staff, Commanding
17 General of AFP National Capital Region Defense Command and Commandant of the
18 Marine Corps⁴;

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20 **WHEREAS**, a decorated military official, Senator Biazon has received twenty-
21 six (26) personal and campaign medals, including the Distinguished Service Star, Gold
22 Cross Medal, Outstanding Achievement Medal, and Bronze Cross Medal⁵;

¹ Ex-senator, former AFP chief Biazon dies at 88. CNN Philippine Staff.

<https://www.cnnphilippines.com/news/2023/6/12/rodolfo-biazon-died.html>. June 12, 2023

² Senator Rodolfo G. Biazon. https://legacy.senate.gov.ph/senators/sen_bio/biazon_bio.asp

³ Tributes pour in for Ex- AFP Chief of Staff, Senator Rodolfo Biazon, a warrior and a gentleman; 88. Frances Mangosing, Julie M. Aurelio, Melvin Gascon. <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1787223/rodolfo-biazon-a-warrior-and-a-gentleman-88>. June 13, 2023

⁴ Biazon, former lawmaker and AFP chief, dies. Bernadette E. Tamayo, Ma. Reina Leanne Tolentino and Franco Jose C. Barona, <https://www.manilatimes.net/2023/06/13/news/national/biazon-former-lawmaker-and-afp-chief-dies/1895689>, June 13, 2023

⁵ Tributes pour in for Ex- AFP Chief of Staff, Senator Rodolfo Biazon, a warrior and a gentleman; 88. Frances Mangosing, Julie M. Aurelio, Melvin Gascon. <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1787223/rodolfo-biazon-a-warrior-and-a-gentleman-88>. June 13, 2023

1 **WHEREAS**, after retiring from his military service, he served in Congress as a
2 senator, from 1992 to 1995, and then from 1998 until 2010, and then as Muntinlupa
3 City representative from 2010 to 2016;

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5 **WHEREAS**, Senator Biazon has authored a several bills that were enacted into
6 law, such as Republic Act (RA) 9208, Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act; RA 9161,
7 Reforming the Renting Industry; RA 7835, Comprehensive and Integrated Shelter
8 Finance Act; RA 7898, An Act Providing for the Modernization of the Armed Forces of
9 the Philippines; RA 7742, Amending the Mandatory Membership to the Pag-IBIG Fund;
10 RA 7901, Creation of Caraga (Region XIII); and RA 7889, Establishing the University
11 of the Philippines Mindanao. He also pursued Joint Resolution No. 7, Increasing the
12 Subsistence Allowance of Soldiers and Policemen; RA 8763, Amending the Home
13 Guarantee Corporation Act; RA 9040, Tax Exemption of Allowances and Benefits for
14 Members of the AFP; RA 9049, Granting Monthly Gratuity and Privileges to Awardee
15 of the Medal of Valor; and RA 10354, or the Reproductive Health Act⁶;

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17 **WHEREAS**, Senator Biazon has led a remarkable life that was based upon
18 public service, patriotism, chivalry and a strong belief that protecting the country's
19 freedom and its democratic institutions is worth fighting for;

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21 **WHEREAS**, Senator Biazon embodied patriotism, integrity, and commitment
22 in protecting our country's freedom and its democratic institutions. His countless
23 achievements as a courageous soldier and statesman, and his commitment as a
24 defender of democracy will never be forgotten and will continue to live on in the hearts
25 of the Filipino people;

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27 **RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Senate of the Philippines,
28 to express the profound sympathy and sincere condolences of the Senate of the
29 Philippines on the death of Rodolfo "Pong" G. Biazon.

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⁶ DND: Ex-AFP chief Rodolfo Biazon icon of patriotism, integrity. Priam Nepomuceno.
<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1203369>. June 12, 2023