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RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF HON. CORAZON T. NUÑEZ-MALANYAON, THE GOVERNOR OF THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL

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

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2023, Governor Corazon Nuñez-Malanyaon of the Province of Davao Oriental died at Davao Hospital, at the age of 73, after experiencing difficulty in breathing during an event in Banaybanay;¹

WHEREAS, Governor Malanyaon, born Corazon T. Nuñez on August 22, 1949, grew-up in Cateel, Davao province (now part of Davao Oriental), married businessman Luis Malanyaon Jr., and had with him a daughter, Michelle Malanyaon-Centeno;

WHEREAS, Governor Malanyaon was valedictorian in both her elementary education at Taytayan Elementary School and her high school education at Cateel High School in Davao Oriental; she earned her Bachelor of Commerce degree, major in Accountancy with a minor in Finance and Management, as cum laude from Ateneo de Davao University, and also completed her Bachelor of Laws degree as cum laude at the same institution;

¹ <https://www.rappler.com/nation/mindanao/davao-oriental-governor-corazon-malanyaon-funeral-july-7-2023/>

WHEREAS, Governor Malanyaon taught at the Ateneo Law School and later specialized as a corporate and tax lawyer; being both a certified public accountant and a lawyer, she served as a valued consultant to numerous corporations;²

WHEREAS, Governor Malanyaon, armed with a successful professional career, was called into public service and fulfilled her calling as a member of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Davao City (1986 to 1992), Vice Mayor of Davao City (1992), Representative of the First Legislative District of Davao Oriental during the Twelfth (2001-2004), Thirteenth (2004-2007), Seventeenth (2016-2019), and Eighteenth (2019-2022) Congresses, and as Governor of the Province of Davao Oriental for three terms (2007-2016), as well as her present supposed fourth term (2022-2025) until her untimely demise;

WHEREAS, during her stint as Representative of the Lone District of Davao Oriental in the House of Representatives, Gov. Malanyaon held various positions, including being the Chairperson of the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, and Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Appropriation

WHEREAS, Governor Malanyaon led a range of initiatives in healthcare, agriculture, environment, tourism, social justice, education, and more, to ensure the continuous progress and development of the province of Davao Oriental, including the establishment of the Davao Oriental Medical Center, a 200-bed capacity provincial hospital; construction of the Cateel Irrigation System that can irrigate at least 1,600 hectares of rice fields; continued protection and inscription of Mount Hamiguitan on the UNESCO World Heritage List; setting up a transitional shelter for former rebels seeking to reintegrate into society; building the Subangan Museum to showcase the rich cultural and natural heritage of the province; and development of eco-tourism sites and parks throughout Davao Oriental;

WHEREAS, Governor Malanyaon served three consecutive successful terms as governor from 2007 to 2016, embodying a dedicated approach she called "SERVICE WITH A HEART," and her achievement of being reelected for a fourth term made her the only governor in the region's history to accomplish this feat;³

WHEREAS, In recognition of Governor Malanyaon's efficiency and excellent public service, she was awarded the title of Most Outstanding Governor for two

² <https://davaooriental.gov.ph/government/governors-corner/about-the-governor/>

³ Ibid

consecutive years, and Davao Oriental was named a Champion Province under her leadership;⁴

WHEREAS, Governor Malanyaon holds the distinction of being the only CPA-Lawyer to become a governor of Davao Oriental and has maintained an undefeated record throughout her political career, starting from her initial role as a Member of the Sangguniang Panlungsod in Davao City;

WHEREAS, Governor Malanyaon is also known for her firm leadership, dedication, good governance, and heartfelt, compassionate public service; as a conscientious government official, she passionately advocated for the interests of the people, consistently earning the affection and support of her constituency;

WHEREAS, the demise of Governor Malanyaon is a great loss not only to her bereaved family, the Davaoños, and the Nacionalista Party (NP) family but also to the whole nation; the Senate of the Philippines joins her family, the people of Davao Oriental, and the NP in mourning her death. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To express, as it is hereby expressed, its profound sympathy and sincere condolences on the death of Davao Oriental Governor Corazon T. Nuñez Malanyaon;

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

Adopted,


CYNTHIA A. VILLAR

⁴ ibid