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A RESOLUTION
HONORING AND REMEMBERING ADRIAN E. CRISTOBAL SR. FOR HIS
CONTRIBUTIONS TO PHILIPPINE JOURNALISM AND THE LITERARY ARTS

WHEREAS, on 22 December 2007, the country lost one of its most eminent writers and known intellectuals in Adrian E. Cristobal Sr., who passed away at the age of 75, after succumbing to lung cancer;

WHEREAS, Adrian E. Cristobal Sr. was a prolific journalist, a political satirist, a historical writer and lecturer, a well-respected columnist, a brilliant fictionist and essayist, a creative playwright, a literary genius, a hardworking publisher, whose career spanned for more than 50 years, having dedicated all his life to the excellence of the pen;

WHEREAS, Adrian E. Cristobal Sr.'s journalism career started with The Manila Times Group as a Sunday Times Magazine and Saturday Mirror Magazine writer-reporter in the 1950s and later on, went on to become a columnist, editorial writer and publisher for various publications including The Manila Times, Philippine Graphic, the Evening News, Philippine Daily Inquirer and the Manila Bulletin;

WHEREAS, Adrian E. Cristobal Sr. was a co-founder of the UP Institute of Creative Writing (then known as the UP Creative Writing Center) and was a founding member of Pen Philippines and the Ravens, a select literary group at the University of the Philippines and the Unyon ng mga Manunulkat na Pilipino (Umpil);

WHEREAS, before his death, Cristobal was chairman of Samahang Plaridel, an association of veteran columnists and journalists, and was actively involved in the Blas F. Ople Scholarships for deserving journalism students and children of journalists;

WHEREAS, as a creative writer, Adrian E. Cristobal Sr. wrote several short stories, among them is the celebrated "I, Suliman," which has already been translated into several languages, and has also written 5 books, which included a historical essay on the betrayal and execution of Andres Bonifacio entitled "The Tragedy of the Revolution;"

WHEREAS, as a political writer, Adrian E. Cristobal Sr. used his pen to ably influence public policy and decision-making, illustrated by his book entitled “Filipino First: An Approach to Economic Policy,” which served as the blueprint for the economic policy of President Carlos P. Garcia;

WHEREAS, Adrian E. Cristobal, Sr. excelled in his vocation and profession as a writer and journalist, despite not having finished a college degree, earning profound respect here and abroad as one of the country’s foremost intellectuals;


WHEREAS, Adrian E. Cristobal, Sr. deserves to be honored and fondly remembered for his unparalleled dedication and excellence in journalism and writing, and public service as a former labor secretary and chairman of the Social Security System, among other positions held;

WHEREAS, Adrian E. Cristobal Sr.’s nationalist bent and prolific writing are reflective of a journalistic and literary era that has shaped the Philippine political, social and cultural landscape, building among all generations patriotic fervor and respect for history and its many lessons;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Philippine Senate honors and remembers nationalist-writer Adrian E. Cristobal Sr. for his contributions to Philippine journalism and the literary arts.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to provide copies of this Resolution to his family and the different writers’ and media associations that he belonged to and guarantee its wide dissemination to enable the public to know how the late Adrian Cristobal’s pen and intellect enriched our national life.

Adopted,



MARR Roxas
Senator