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RESOLUTION NO. 103

RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF
SENATOR JOKER P. ARROYO AND
EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY
AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE
SENATE ON HIS PASSING

WHEREAS, Joker P. Arroyo, former Representative of the first district of Makati City for three consecutive terms from 1992 to 1998, and former Senator for two consecutive terms from 2001 to 2013, passed away on October 5, 2015, at the age of 88;

WHEREAS, an illustrious human rights lawyer and freedom fighter who fought for the restoration of democracy in the country during the Marcos era, he challenged before the Supreme Court of the Philippines the constitutionality of

Proclamation No. 1081 that imposed martial law throughout the country, the ratification of the Marcos-dictated 1973 Constitution, Amendment 6 that empowered President Marcos to exercise law-making powers alongside the Batasang Pambansa, and the power of military tribunals to try civilians, as well as helped defend political detainees, most notably of whom were Senators Benigno Aquino Jr., Jovito Salonga and Eva Estrada Kalaw, Eugenio Lopez Jr., Sergio Osmeña III, Jose Maria Sison, Aquilino Pimentel Jr., Renato Tañada, Eduardo Olaquer and many others;

WHEREAS, as a show of protest to the blatant violation of and disregard for human rights, he actively participated in street demonstrations and in the establishment of the civic group Movement of Attorneys for Brotherhood, Integrity and Nationalism, Inc. (MABINI) and the Free Legal Assistance Group (FLAG);

WHEREAS, as a Representative, he remained an independent throughout his term, he never traveled abroad on government money, and he was best remembered for registering a perfect attendance record for nine years from the time he was elected up to the end of his term and for being the most frugal member of Congress which earned him the monicker "Scrooge of Congress";

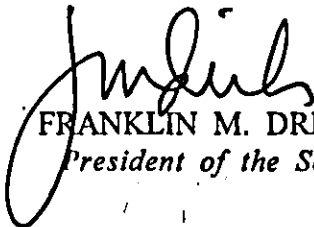
WHEREAS, as a Senator, he chaired the Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations (Blue Ribbon), Committee on Public Services and the Committee on Justice and Human Rights, and was popularly known as the other senator who did not use his P200-million annual Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF), thus saving the taxpayers P2.4 billion over his 12-year stint in the Senate;

WHEREAS, he received various awards and commendations for his significant contributions to the legal profession and public service, notably from the Philippine Bar Association which awarded him the Most Distinguished Award for Justice for being a "man beholden to no one except to his country", and from his fellow Senators, through Senate Resolution No. 100 that was adopted during the 8th Congress, for his invaluable services to the Filipino people;


WHEREAS, Senator Joker P. Arroyo's commitment and dedication to public service serves as an inspiration to many public servants and he will surely be remembered in the hearts of the Filipino people: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved, That the Senate honor the memory of Senator Joker P. Arroyo and to express the profound sympathy and sincere condolences of the Senate on his passing.

Adopted,


FRANKLIN M. DRILON
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on November 3, 2015.


OSCAR G. YABES
Secretary of the Senate

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