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RESOLUTION NO. 47

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND
SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF
THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE
DEATH OF NEGROS ORIENTAL GOVERNOR
ROEL RAGAY DEGAMO

WHEREAS, Governor Roel Ragay Degamo of Negros Oriental died on March 4, 2023 at the age of 56 after he was shot dead in broad daylight by armed men in his home in Pamplona, Negros Oriental;

WHEREAS, Governor Degamo was born on April 29, 1966 at Siaton, Negros Oriental to Spouses Arturo Degamo and Luzviminda Ragay. He was married to Janice Mira Vallega with whom he had two children: Nyrth Christian and Carlo;

WHEREAS, Governor Degamo finished his primary education in 1978 at Pio Macahig Memorial School in Siaton, Negros Oriental, his secondary education in 1982 at the St. Louis School, a Catholic school in Dumaguete City, and earned his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree in 1989 from Siliman University, passing the licensure exam on the same year;

WHEREAS, prior to his career in public service, Governor Degamo worked as a driver, an electric control operator and as a senior plant mechanic for the National Power Corporation;

WHEREAS, Governor Degamo's career in public service started in 1998, when he was first elected as a Municipal Councilor of Siaton, Negros Oriental, which position he held for three (3) terms or until June 2007. He became the president of Negros Oriental's Provincial Councilors League (PCL) from 2004 to 2007, which made him also an ex officio member of the Negros Oriental Provincial Board for the same period;

WHEREAS, in the May 2010 national and local elections, Governor Degamo ran for Provincial Board Member of Negros Oriental and garnered the highest number of votes for the position. Being the first ranking Board Member, he was appointed Vice Governor by virtue of succession when Vice Governor Agustin Ramon M. Perdices became Governor upon the death of Former Governor Emilio Macias II, who died due to cancer in June 2010;

WHEREAS, Governor Degamo's term as Vice Governor was short-lived as he had to be appointed anew as Governor when Governor Perdices also died of cancer in January 2011. Governor Degamo then served the unexpired terms of both Governor Macias and Governor Perdices until June 2013;

WHEREAS, Governor Degamo ran and was elected as governor in 2013 and would later on prove successful in seeking consecutive re-elections as he won all three of his gubernatorial bids thereafter in 2016, 2019 and 2022;

WHEREAS, Governor Degamo is known for his flagship program called HELP which stands for Health, Education and Environment, Livelihood Programs, and Projects for Peace and Development, a call for unity in the province putting premium on economic development in attaining lasting peace and progress in Negros Oriental;

WHEREAS, he was credited for having communist rebels return to the fold of law under his leadership, in fact he reported in February 2023 that the province was at 80 percent in achieving zero insurgency;

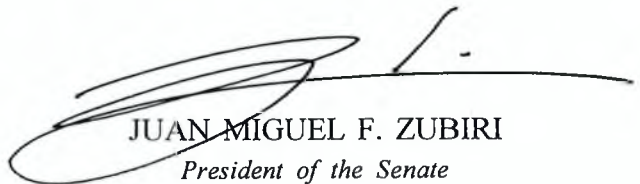
WHEREAS, under the reins of Governor Degamo, Negros Oriental was known as the first province in the Philippines to institutionalize unequivocal support and commitment to renewable energy sources by prioritizing the utilization of clean, renewable energy, which is abundant in the province, and to shun operations and activities including sourcing and use of energy sources that are destructive to the environment and harmful to its citizens' health and livelihood;

WHEREAS, the tragic death of Governor Degamo is a great loss not only to his bereaved family but to the province of Negros Oriental as well, and the Senate of the Philippines joins Negros Oriental in mourning the death of its patriarch: Now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To express its profound sympathy and sincere condolences on the death of Negros Oriental Governor Roel Ragay Degamo.


Resolved, further, That copies of this Resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of Governor Degamo.

Adopted,



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 6, 2023.



RENATO N. BANTUG Jr.
Secretary of the Senate

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