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Introduced by Senate President Enrile

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCE OF THE SENATE ON THE DEATH OF FORMER SENATOR SOTERO H. LAUREL

WHEREAS, the Honorable Sotero H. Laurel, a distinguished former member of this august Chamber passed away on September 16, 2009, exactly 18 years from the day the Senate rejected the Treaty of Friendship, economic Cooperation and Security with the United States of America;

WHEREAS, Senator Laurel earned his law degree from the University of the Philippines where he was elected president of its student council, doctorate degree in law from Harvard University, and diplomacy and international relations from the Georgetown School of Foreign Service;

WHEREAS, a dedicated educator for almost four decades who was instrumental in establishing the Lyceum of the Philippine University, he received various awards in the field of education namely, the 1963 Distinguished Service given by the Upsilon Sigma Phi of the University of the Philippines, the 1986 Most Outstanding Citizen of Manila Award, and the 1986 Chevalier de France dans l'ordre des Palm Academique Award;

WHEREAS, he was elected delegate to the 1971 Constitutional Convention representing the Third District of Batangas where he served as its President Pro-Tempore, and was awarded the Pearl Trophy for being the Most Outstanding Constitutional Convention Delegate;

WHEREAS, in 1987, he was elected to the Senate where he continued the Laurel tradition of excellence, and statesmanship and became known as "Mr. Integrity";

WHEREAS, as Senator he was elected to various positions in the Senate such as President Pro Tempore from 1990 to 1991, Chairman of the Committees on Trade and Commerce; Government Corporations and Public Enterprises, and Majority Floor Leader of the Commission on Appointments;

WHEREAS, he championed numerous bills and resolutions in the Senate vital to national progress and development, notably Republic Act 6768 entitled, "An Act Instituting a Balikbayan Program", the National Seed Industry Development Council Act, commonly known as the "Seed Act", and the Reorganization of the Philippine Statistical System;

WHEREAS, as member of the so called "Magnificent 12" who voted against the renewal of the RP-US Military Bases Agreement, he fearlessly argued that fairness, justice, self determination, independence, self-respect and equality are values that cannot be measured in terms of money;

WHEREAS, for his invaluable and landmark contributions to the Philippine legislation and society, he was voted as one of the Five Outstanding Senators in 1990 by the Pilipino Reporter Magasin and as one of the Men of the Year for 1991 by the Philippine Free Press;

WHEREAS, the demise of Senator Laurel is a great loss not only to his family but also to the Filipino people: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, To express, as it hereby expresses, its profound sympathy and sincere condolence on the death of former Senator Sotero H. Laurel;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the bereaved family of the Honorable Sotero H. Laurel.

Adopted,


JUAN PONCE ENRILE
Senate President