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P.S. Res. No. 844

Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

## RESOLUTION

HONORING AND REMEMBERING DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECRETARY, JESSE MANALASTAS ROBREDO, FOR HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION AND IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND UNWAVERING DILIGENCE AS A PUBLIC SERVANT.

**WHEREAS,** the Philippine Senate has in several occasions paid its respects to remarkable Filipinos for their outstanding service to the people and legacy;

WHEREAS, Department of the Interior and Local Government Secretary Jesse Manalastas Robredo, met his untimely death on 18 August 2012 after his plane crashed off the shores of Masbate;

WHEREAS, Secretary Robredo was first elected mayor of Naga City at the age of 29 in 1988, serving the same position for several terms and earning for Naga City a citation by Asiaweek Magazine in 1999 for being one of the "Most Improved Cities in Asia";

WHEREAS, he is instrumental in instituting fundamental reforms in his sleepy hometown, revitalizing the once languid town of Naga City to its present-day progressive glory;

**WHEREAS,** he is a well-decorated public servant earning 140 awards and citations to his credentials, the most prestigious of which is the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Government Service, which he received in August 2000;

WHEREAS, he was also awarded the Konrad Adenauer Medal of Excellence for being the Most Outstanding City Mayor of the Philippines in 1998, named as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Persons of the World (TOYP) in 1994, hailed as one of The Outstanding Young Men of the Philippines (TOYM) in 1990, and honored the first ever Dangal ng Bayan Award of the Civil Service Commission;

WHEREAS, in July 2010 he was appointed Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government and brought with him the same standards and principles to the agency, focusing on utilizing local governments as machineries for development, initiating investigations in spurious procurement contracts, and prioritizing disaster risk reduction;

WHEREAS, he is truly an exceptional and inspirational public servant and the epitome of a transparent official;

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WHEREAS, his passing away is a great loss not only to the bereaved family but to the entire Filipino nation as well: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to honor and remember Department of the Interior and Local Government Secretary, Jesse Manalastas Robredo for his invaluable contribution and impact on local governance and unwavering diligence as a public servant.

**RESOLVED, FURTHER**, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished the bereaved family of Secretary Jesse Manalastas Robredo.

Adopted,

and the state MANUEL ITO" M. LAPI Senator