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Introduced by Senator JUAN PONCE ENRILE

RESOLUTION

**EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCE
OF THE SENATE ON THE UNTIMELY DEMISE OF SECRETARY JESSE M.
ROBREDO**

WHEREAS, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Jesse M. Robredo, an efficient, humble, simple, and honest public servant and model husband and father, died on August 18, 2012 at the age of 54 when the aircraft flying him to his hometown in Naga City crashed in the coast of Masbate City;

WHEREAS, after the culmination of the EDSA Revolution in 1986, he accepted the position of Program Director of the Bicol Basin Development Program for the development planning in the provinces of the Bicol Region, sacrificing his high-paying job in one of the leading private corporations in the country in favor of his noble intention to help in the development of Bicol Region;

WHEREAS, he was elected mayor of Naga City in 1988, the youngest at 29, and served for six terms (1988-1998 and 2001-2010);

WHEREAS, as Mayor of Naga City, he personally engineered the transformation of the city from third class city to the premier city of the Bicol Region, a city free from vices and corruption for which it was considered "a model local government in the country and laboratory of local government innovation" and cited in 1999 by Asia Week Magazine as one of the "Most Improved Cities in Asia";

WHEREAS, completely against political patronage, he enforced a "merit based system of hiring and promotion" and highly improved stakeholders and people participation in governance;

WHEREAS, for his skills and competence as a leader and development manager, he was elected President of the League of Cities of the Philippines (1995) and Chairman of the Regional Development Council of Bicol's six provinces and seven cities (1992-1998);

WHEREAS, as public servant, he received numerous awards such as 1990 Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Philippines (TOYM); 1994 Ten Outstanding Young Persons of the World (TOYP); 1998 Konrad Adenauer Medal of Excellence as Most Outstanding Mayor of the Philippines; the first ever “Dangal ng Bayan” Award of the Civil Service Commission and the 2000 Ramon Magsaysay Award for Government Service;

WHEREAS, a firm advocate of good governance, he co-founded the Kaya Natin! Movement which seeks to bring genuine change and ethical leadership in the country;

WHEREAS, in 2008, he was conferred an Honorary Doctor of Humanities Degree by the Far Eastern University and was also a Trustee of Synergeia Foundation, Inc., a coalition of individuals, institutions, and organizations that work together to improve the quality of basic education in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2010, he was chosen by President Benigno Aquino III as Secretary of DILG, among other candidates, mainly because of his unblemished reputation and integrity in public service;

WHEREAS, as DILG Secretary, he introduced reforms such as transparency in the department and public accountability of its officers and employees, in line with good governance;

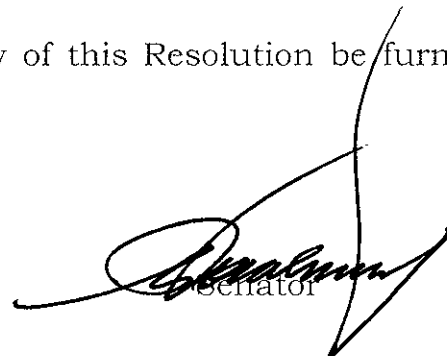
WHEREAS, fully aware of the role of the local officials in minimizing the loss of lives during calamities, he issued a DILG directive to local executives in relation to their general supervisory functions over barangays under the Local Government Code, to ensure that calamity protocols in flood-prone or landslide prone areas are to be carried out;

WHEREAS, the tragic death of this model public servant is a great loss to the entire nation but his death will always remind us of how a public official should be - selfless, a leader by example and dedicated - traits worthy of the Senate's and the public's emulation: **Now, therefore, be it**

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, To express, as it hereby expresses, its profound sympathy and sincere condolence on the untimely demise of Secretary Jesse M. Robredo.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the bereaved members of his family.

Adopted,


Senator