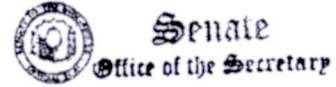


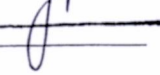
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RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES
OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF JOHN
GOKONGWEI JR.

1 WHEREAS, Mr. John Gokongwei Jr., founder and chairman emeritus of JG
2 Summit Holdings, Inc., passed away on 9 November 2019 at the age of 93;

3 WHEREAS, born on 11 August 1926 in China to a scion of a wealthy Filipino-
4 Chinese clan based in Cebu, Mr. Gokongwei Jr. was orphaned at an early age and
5 had to help his mother in providing for the needs of his siblings by selling roasted
6 peanuts, soap, candles and threads;

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Gokongwei Jr. began trading goods from Cebu to Manila in
8 1943 and established Amasia Trading shortly after the end of World War II;

9 WHEREAS, he established in 1957 a cornstarch plant, Universal Robina
10 Corp., which eventually became one of the country's largest food and beverage
11 companies;

12 WHEREAS, his hard work, perseverance and vision led to the establishment
13 of other major companies in the country, such as Robinsons Land Corp., Robinsons
14 Retail Holdings, Inc., and Cebu Air, Inc., which made him the third richest man in
15 the country in 2019;

16 WHEREAS, in 1992, Mr. Gokongwei Jr. and his brothers donated significant
17 portions of their shares of stock in JG Summit to establish the Gokongwei Brothers
18 Foundation (GBF) to support education in the country;

19 WHEREAS, when he turned 80 years of age in 2006, Mr. Gokongwei donated
20 half of his fortune to GBF;



1 WHEREAS, Filipinos can learn great life lessons from Mr. John Gokongwei Jr.,
2 whose hard work, business acumen and philanthropy helped open doors of
3 opportunities for his fellow Filipinos: Now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines to
5 express its profound sympathy and sincere condolences on the death of Mr. John
6 Gokongwei Jr.

Adopted,



FRANKLIN M. DRILON
Senator