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Introduced by **Senator Richard J. Gordon**

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RESOLUTION

**HONORING AND REMEMBERING GABINO "GABY" DE GUZMAN TABUÑAR,
JR. FOR HIS EXEMPLARY AND OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO
JOURNALISM AND PRESS FREEDOM**

WHEREAS, on 4 February 2020, the country lost one of its most respected veteran journalist in Gabino "Gaby" De Guzman Tabuñar, Jr. who passed away after a bout of pneumonia at the age of 94;

WHEREAS, Gaby Tabuñar was a proponent of honest and accurate journalism exemplifying the highest ideals of courageous, compassionate and committed journalism in his coverage of the news through the ever-changing landscape of the Philippine history from the post-World War II era to the various political transition in the succeeding decades;

WHEREAS, his experience as an Intelligence Officer of the guerilla movement against the Japanese gave him a strong passion for freedom.

WHEREAS, in 1974, during the dangerous Martial law era, he co-founded the Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines (FOCAP), which continue to be a vanguard of press freedom and civil liberties to this day;

WHEREAS, his career in journalism blossomed and spanned several decades, which began in the 1940s when he worked for Philippine Liberty News after World War II, during which he also worked at the War Information Office of the US government (from 1945 to 1946);

WHEREAS, he was an internationally respected foreign correspondent at CBS News, an American commercial broadcast television and radio network (from 1986 to 2008);

WHEREAS, he showed his commitment to responsible and fearless reporting in his coverage of news, including the 1991 cataclysmic Mt. Pinatubo volcanic eruption and the closure of U.S. military bases in Subic Bay, among others;

WHEREAS, his dedication to providing legitimate platform and source of real and accurate news was instrumental in the rapid transformation of Subic in the early 1990's, as well as in addressing the political challenges faced by the Tourism

Industry through his coverage of SARS, terrorism and Abu Sayaff kidnappings from 2001 to 2004;

WHEREAS, he continued to serve as Chairman Emeritus of FOCAP after his retirement and mentored countless journalists in country;

WHEREAS, Gaby Tabuñar deserves to be honored and remembered for his dedication to journalism and high ethical standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Senate of the Philippines honors and remembers Gabino "Gaby" De Guzman Tabuñar, Jr. for his exemplary and outstanding contribution to journalism.

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

Adopted,



RICHARD J. GORDON
Senator