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Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF MIGUEL "MIKE" CASTRO ENRIQUEZ, VETERAN AND MULTI-AWARDED BROADCAST JOURNALIST AND HONORING HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO PHILIPPINE JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATIONS

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines has consistently recognized 1 2 distinguished Filipinos for their valuable contribution and lasting impact towards the 3 positive development of our society; WHEREAS, Miguel "Mike" Castro Enriquez, a veteran radio and television 4 broadcaster, multi-awarded news presenter, and respected journalist, passed away 5 6 on 29 August 2023 at the age of 71; 7 WHEREAS, Enriquez is one of the main anchors of GMA Network's flagship primetime newscast "24 Oras" and host of the long-running and top-rating public 8 9 affairs program "Imbestigador". He also headlined DZBB's morning radio shows "Super Balita sa Umaga" and "Saksi sa Dobol B"; 10 WHEREAS, apart from his hosting duties, he held executive positions in RGMA 11 Network, Inc. as President, and in GMA Network as its Senior Vice President and 12 Consultant for Radio Operations; 13 WHEREAS, Enriquez, a former disc jockey, joined the broadcast industry in 14 1969, built a distinguished professional career in radio and television, and became one 15

of the most trusted news personalities and pillars of Philippine broadcast who served the Filipinos for 54 years;

WHEREAS, Enriquez is a recipient of many distinctions from local and international award-giving bodies which recognized his excellence and contribution in Philippine mass media. In 1999, he earned the Best Newscaster Award from the Asian Television Awards in Singapore. In 2003, he received a gold medal at the New York Festivals for his work in "Saksi" and in the following year, the US Film and Video Festival conferred him the Silver Camera Award for a documentary about the Iraq War¹:

WHEREAS, his dedication to public service is evident when he returned on air in March 2022 in time for his home network's 2022 National and Local Election special coverage, after undergoing medical procedure and battling health issues;

WHEREAS, Enriquez' trademark voice, distinct style of delivering news, and hard-hitting commentaries have become part of countless Filipino households and shaped the consciousness of the citizens about the pressing social issues and current affairs;

WHEREAS, his sterling career, outstanding body of work, professionalism and unassailable integrity should serve as inspiration for budding mass media practitioners and the younger generation to pursue excellence and hone their craft with purpose and passion;

WHEREAS, his passing is a great loss to the Filipino nation, as well as the journalism profession and broadcasting industry, which are currently under siege from disinformation, fake news and other adverse impact of the digital media age;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to express profound sympathy and sincere condolences of the Senate of the Philippines on the death of Miguel "Mike" Castro Enriquez, veteran and multi-awarded broadcast journalist and to honor his contributions to Philippine journalism and mass communications;

¹ <u>https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/topstories/nation/880447/mike-enriquez-passes-away-at-71/story/</u> Accessed on 30 August 2023.

- 1 RESOLVED FURTHER, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the
- 2 bereaved family of the late Miguel "Mike" Castro Enriquez.

Adopted,

GOY EJERCITO ESTRADA