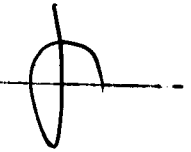


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RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE
CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE
DEATH OF VETERAN BROADCAST JOURNALIST MIKE ENRIQUEZ

WHEREAS, on 29 August 2023, veteran broadcast journalist Miguel "Mike" Castro Enriquez passed away at the age of 71;¹

WHEREAS, having joined the broadcast industry in 1969, Mike Enriquez dedicated 54 years of his life in the service of the Filipino audience. He rose from the ranks and became one of the country's most trusted broadcasters and a pillar of GMA Network;²

WHEREAS, Mr. Enriquez hails from Sta. Ana, Manila. He graduated with a Liberal Arts in Commerce degree from the De La Salle University in 1973. Beyond his tough public image as a broadcaster is a loving and devoted husband to his wife of more than 40 years, Lizabeth "Baby" Yumping;³

WHEREAS, his stellar career in the industry started prior to his graduation from college at only 19 years old. From an accidental encounter that landed him a trainee announcer position at the Manila Broadcasting Company, he went on to take junior broadcasting jobs and later managerial positions in the network. Mr. Enriquez also worked at the Freedom Broadcasting Network and Radio Mindanao Network before eventually transferring to GMA Network to lead its radio division and expansion in 1995;⁴

WHEREAS, he transitioned from radio to television broadcasting in 1998, with his first on-cam appearance as an anchor for an election coverage. He co-anchored GMA's flagship newscast "24 Oras" and hosted news programs such as "Saksi" and the long-running public affairs program "Imbestigador", which earned him the title "Mr. Imbestigador ng Bayan." He also served as President of RGMA Network, Inc. and GMA Network's Senior Vice President and Consultant for Radio Operations. He anchored DZBB's "Super Balita sa Umaga" and "Saksi sa Dobol B";⁵

¹ GMA Network. *Mike Enriquez: The legacy he left behind as a proud and loyal Kapuso*. Published on 29 August 2023. Available at <https://www.gmanetwork.com/entertainment/celebritylife/news/18414/mike-enriquez-the-legacy-he-left-behind-as-a-proud-and-loyal-kapuso/photo/248860/return-2022> (Accessed on 3 September 2023).

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Rappler. *Veteran broadcast journalist Mike Enriquez dies*. Published on 29 August 2023. Available at <https://www.rappler.com/nation/veteran-broadcast-journalist-mike-enriquez-dies-august-29-2023/> (Accessed on 3 September 2023).

⁵ Op. cit., GMA

WHEREAS, Mike Enriquez's vast experience in radio and television earned him the respect and recognition of the Filipino people and several award-giving bodies. He was the first Filipino to win the Best Newscaster Award in the Asian Television Awards in 1999. He received numerous awards throughout his career from other award-giving bodies such as the Golden Dove Awards, Catholic Mass Media Awards, PMPC Star Awards for TV, and COMGUILD Media Awards for Radio and Television, among others. In 2004, his team won the Silver Camera Award in the 2004 United States Film and Video Festival for the documentary, "Iraq: In the Navel of War;"⁶

WHEREAS, Mike Enriquez' credibility, masterful broadcasting skills, and high ethical standards and passion for the truth endeared him to the public and made him one of the finest journalists in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, he was a gifted and fearless broadcaster who had an unparalleled commitment to independent, impartial, and accurate news. The passing of a distinguished anchor and a dedicated public servant is a great loss to the nation but his legacy in the field of journalism will live on;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, to express the profound sympathy and sincere condolences of the Senate of the Philippines on the death of veteran broadcast journalist Mike Enriquez.

Adopted,


JOEL VILLANUEVA

⁶ Ibid.