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Introduced by Senator MARK A. VILLAR

RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEMISE OF FORMER MARIKINA CITY MAYOR, REPRESENTATIVE AND METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN BAYANI FERNANDO

1 **WHEREAS**, it is with great sorrow that the Senate of the Philippines receives
2 the news of the untimely passing of Bayani Flores Fernando on September 22, 2023;

3 **WHEREAS**, Former Marikina City Mayor and Representative Bayani Fernando
4 was born on 25 July 1946, in San Juan City, to former Marikina Mayor Gil Fernando
5 and Remedios Flores. A true son of Marikina, he finished his secondary education at
6 the Marikina Science High School (formerly Marikina School of Arts and Trades) and
7 obtained his college degree from Mapua Institute of Technology;

8 **WHEREAS**, a mechanical engineering by profession, the Honorable Bayani
9 Fernando was elected Mayor of Marikina in 1992 and held the position until 2001,
10 where he was mainly attributed with its transformation into one of the best-managed
11 cities and a paradigm of responsive and effective governance;

12 **WHEREAS**, from 2002 to 2009, then President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo
13 appointed Mayor Fernando as the Chairman of the Metro Manila Development
14 Authority (MMDA). During his tenure, he was known in introducing innovations in
15 addressing perennial issues such as heavy traffic along EDSA, waste management,
16 flooding and for safe, affordable and decent transients;

17 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Fernando briefly served as Secretary of the Department of
18 Public Works and Highways (DPWH) in 2003 and was elected as Marikina City 1st
19 District Representative in 2016 and held the post until 2022;

20 **WHEREAS**, as Congressman, Bayani Fernando co-authored several important
21 laws such as RA 11534 or the Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises

1 Law, RA 11229 or the Magna Carta of the Poor, and RA 11215 or the National
2 Integrated Cancer Control Act;

3 **WHEREAS**, considered a pillar of Marikina City, a leading steward of MMDA
4 and of DPWH, and a compassionate lawmaker, Mayor Fernando received several
5 awards and honors including a Doctor of Humanities, Honoris Causa from the Ateneo
6 de Cagayan, the Outstanding Filipino Award for Government Service, the H.R. Reyes
7 Medallion of Honor from the Central Colleges of the Philippines, and a Doctor of Public
8 Administration, Honoris Causa from the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP);

9 **WHEREAS**, well-loved by his former colleagues, Mayor Fernando's rich
10 background, decorated career in executive positions, and even as a successful
11 businessman, had earned him praises and continued admiration by many who
12 described him as "*a man of few words*", "*workaholic and a disciplinarian*" and a "*legacy*
13 *of visionary leadership and dedication to the betterment of our communities*", the
14 Philippines has lost another exemplary and dedicated public servant;

15 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Fernando was the caring husband to Former Marikina City
16 Mayor Marides Carlos and a doting father to Tala Fernando;

17 **WHEREAS**, the loss of Mayor Fernando is profoundly felt not only by his
18 grieving family but also by the entire nation; the Senate of the Philippines joins his
19 family in mourning the demise of the beloved former Marikina City Mayor,
20 Representative and MMDA Chairman.

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by
22 the Senate of the Philippines, to express, as hereby expressed, its profound sympathy
23 and sincere condolences on the passing of Bayani "Flores" Fernando, the former
24 Marikina City Mayor, Representative and MMDA Chairman

25 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be provided to the
26 bereaved family of Mayor Fernando.

Adopted,


MARK A. VILLAR