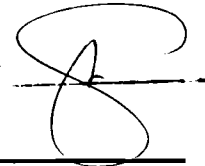


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**RESOLUTION
EXTENDING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES FOR THE DEMISE OF A
DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVANT, HONORABLE EDWARD HAGEDORN OF
PALAWAN, AND REMEMBERING HIS GREATEST CONTRIBUTIONS TO
NATION-BUILDING**

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Philippine Senate, extend our deepest and sincere condolences during this time of profound loss and grief, to the family and loved ones of the late Honorable Edward Hagedorn;

WHEREAS, Edward Hagedorn, born on March 12, 1946, in Puerto Princesa, Palawan, devoted his life to public service and left an indelible mark on the landscape of Philippine governance;

WHEREAS, Hagedorn's remarkable career was punctuated by numerous accomplishments, underscoring his unwavering commitment to the preservation and protection of our environment and the sustainable development of eco-tourism as an industry;

WHEREAS, Hagedorn's tenure as Mayor of Puerto Princesa City, spanning four consecutive terms from 1992 to 2001 and again from 2002 to 2013, was marked by visionary leadership, transparency, and genuine concern for the welfare of his constituents;

WHEREAS, Hagedorn's legacy in the field of environmental preservation and protection is exemplified by his pioneering efforts in securing UNESCO World Heritage

status for the Puerto Princesa Underground River, a natural wonder that continues to captivate the world as one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature;

WHEREAS, his visionary approach to eco-tourism development fostered sustainable practices that not only bolstered the local economy but also safeguarded Palawan's unparalleled natural beauty for generations to come;

WHEREAS, Hagedorn's devotion to environmental causes extended beyond Puerto Princesa as he championed reforestation and conservation efforts throughout Palawan, earning national and international recognition for his tireless advocacy;

WHEREAS, during his term as a Mayor of Puerto Princesa, his leadership brought significant gain towards popularity as one of the most famous eco-tourism destinations in the Philippines and represent also global model for environment protection which the city earned and received a recognition in the Hall of Fame of the Clean and Green Program of the national government;

WHEREAS, during his tenure as the Anti-Jueteng Czar, Mr. Hagedorn played a pivotal role in the fight against illegal jueteng, a widespread and pernicious form of illegal gambling that plagued communities across the Philippines;

WHEREAS, in his capacity as Anti-Jueteng Czar, Edward S. Hagedorn initiated the establishment of the Small-Town Lottery (STL) as a legitimate and regulated alternative to the illegal jueteng, thereby curbing the proliferation of illegal gambling activities and redirecting revenues towards social services and development programs;

WHEREAS, STL's introduction under his leadership not only resulted in a significant reduction in illegal jueteng operations but also generated substantial revenue for the government;

WHEREAS, Edward Hagedorn will be remembered not only for his outstanding professional accomplishments but also for his warm-hearted nature, generosity, and the genuine care he showed towards everyone he encountered;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate of the Philippines extend its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family, friends, and constituents of the late Hon. Edward S. Hagedorn, recognizing his enduring legacy and contributions to our nation.

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator 