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Introduced by Senator JOEL VILLANUEVA

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE EDWARD SOLON HAGEDORN, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE THIRD DISTRICT OF PALAWAN AND FORMER MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA

WHEREAS, the Honorable Edward Solon Hagedorn, Representative of the Third District of Palawan, passed away on 03 October 2023, at the age of 76;

WHEREAS, Congressman Hagedorn served as mayor of the City of Puerto Princesa for nearly 21 years, from 1992 to 2013, during which time, the city became one of the country's major eco-tourism destinations and a global model in environmental protection;

WHEREAS, it was during his term that the Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park, a UNESCO world heritage site, was declared as one of the New Seven Wonders of Nature, further promoting the tourism sector of Palawan;

WHEREAS, in 2002, under Congressman Hagedorn's leadership, Puerto Princesa had one of the lowest crime rates in the country, mostly due to his advocacy to protect the environment, which also resulted in an increase of forest cover to over 2,000 hectares:

WHEREAS, Congressman Hagedorn transformed Puerto Princesa through his Oplan Linis Program, leading to the city being consistently named the "cleanest and greenest component city in the Philippines";

WHEREAS, aside from advocating for the environment, Congressman Hagedorn also spearheaded various programs on tourism, housing, agriculture, education, health, infrastructure, livelihood, and peace and order that led to the overall betterment of the lives of the people of Puerto Princesa;

WHEREAS, in his first term as representative of the third district of Palawan, Congressman Hagedorn authored bills seeking to safeguard the environment and promote sustainable development, including the provision of stronger measures to conserve and protect wildlife resources and their habitats;

WHEREAS, for more than two decades, Congressman Hagedorn dedicated his life to public service, making the City of Puerto Princesa world-famous and its name synonymous to sustainable eco-tourism. He will forever hold a special place in the hearts of the people he served for his passion and commitment to serving the nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to express the profound sympathy and sincere condolences of the Senate of the Philippines on the death of the Honorable Edward Solon Hagedorn, Representative of the Third District of Palawan and former mayor of the City of Puerto Princesa;

RESOLIVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of the late Congressman Edward Solon Hagedorn.

Adopted,

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