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Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCEREST CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE ELPIDIO "PIDI" FRANI BARZAGA, JR., REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FOURTH DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE AND FORMER MAYOR OF DASMARIÑAS CITY, PROVINCE OF CAVITE

WHEREAS, Rep. Elpidio Frani Barzaga, Jr., fondly known as Cong. Pidi, has succumbed to death on 27 April 2024 at the age of 74;

WHEREAS, Cong. Pidi earned his Bachelor of Science degree with distinctions (*cum laude*) from San Beda College. He then completed his Bachelor of Laws with distinctions (*magna cum laude*) from Far Eastern University where he also taught law for more than fifteen years;

WHEREAS, before his passing, Cong. Pidi, a veteran legislator, was serving his fourth term as Representative of the Fourth District of the Province Cavite in the current Congress. It is noteworthy that he has held the same position in the 15th, 16th and 18th Congresses. He has also previously served as Representative of the 2nd District of the Province of Cavite during the 14th Congress;

WHEREAS, prior to sharing his brilliance in law through the crafting of meaningful legislation, he has first earned the respect, admiration and love of his constituents as Mayor of Dasmariñas, Cavite for four terms - from 1998 - 2007 and 2016 - 2019. His constituents have so warmly responded to his dedication in public service as evinced by their overwhelming support over the years. In fact, he has never lost an election;

WHEREAS, Cong. Pidi co-authored Republic Act No. 9727, a congressional reapportionment law that increased the representatives of the Province of Cavite from three to seven - thereby allowing a more genuine representation of the residents of the province. Likewise, he was one of the authors of the Charter of the City of Dasmariñas;

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career, Cong. Pidi took stand on issues concerning electricity, marine transport safety, oil price hikes and environmental issues, among others. On the national scale, he became even more widely known for having taken part in the 2012 impeachment proceedings against then Chief Justice Renato Corner as a member of the House Prosecution panel. It was in these proceedings that he was able to exhibit his legal expertise and brilliance;

WHEREAS, in the current congress, before his death, Cong. Pidi served as the Chairperson of the House Committee on Natural Resources. He also served as Vice Chairperson of four other House committees, to wit: Cooperatives Development, Games and Amusement, Legislative Franchises, and Suffrage and Electoral Reforms. In his previous terms, he has served as Vice Chairperson of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Local Government, and Revision of Laws;

WHEREAS, Cong. Pidi has also brought honor and pride when he served as the National President of National Unity Party. He lived out the ideologies and advocacies of his party which centered on belief in God, sovereignty of the state, national interest and democracy, social justice and responsibility, and environmental awareness;

WHEREAS, in his lifetime, he was a revered member of the legal profession, esteemed member of the House of Representatives, and beloved leader of his province;

WHEREAS, Cong. Pidi is feted with Outstanding Alumnus Award from the Far Eastern University during their 80th Founding Anniversary, as well as the Most Distinguished Bedan Award from the San Beda College in 2008;

WHEREAS, his fierce commitment to genuine public service and faithful compliance with his mandate, Cong. Pidi continued to discharge his duties even amidst going through health challenges. Even as he dealt with a major open-heart surgery, he kept his duty in his mind and his constituents in his heart. As he penned, "once I have recovered and regained my strength and vigor, I will carry on with my mission in life – which is to be of service to my fellow Dasmariñeros";

WHEREAS, Cong. Pidi dedicated his life to advance education, health and poverty alleviation that ultimately aim to uplift the quality of lives of his constituents. In this relentless pursuit for common good, he will be best remembered for his compassion and brilliance. Indeed, he has lived a life of service for the Province of Cavite and Dasmariñas City with great commitment and passion for the best for his people;

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the Senate pays tribute to a man of exemplary character, commendable tenacity and passionate devotion to public service. May the light he has shone continue to serve as an inspiration that nothing is impossible with diligence, dedication and determination;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to express the profound sympathy and sincerest condolences of the Senate of the Philippines on the death of the Honorable Elpidio "Pidi" Frani Barzaga, Jr., Representative of the Fourth District of the Province of Cavite and Former Mayor of Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of the late Representative Elpidio "Pidi" Frani Barzaga, Jr.

Adopted,


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.