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P.S. RES. NO. 407

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla, Jr.

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE DEEP SYMPATHY AND HIGHEST RESPECT OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEMISE OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT Z. BARBERS, FORMER SENATOR, CONGRESSMAN, CABINET SECRETARY, AND RANKING OFFICER OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND THE WESTERN POLICE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, on December 25, 2005, while the nation was busy and happily celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Honorable Robert Z. Barbers, a brave and hardworking public servant, silently passed away to join his Creator;

WHEREAS, the former Senator, Congressman, Secretary of the Interior and Local Government, Deputy Director of the National Bureau of Investigation and Chief of its Police Special Task Force, and ranking officer of the Western Police District had distinctly lived his life in the service of God, country and people;

WHEREAS, Senator Barbers' career as a law enforcer in the defunct Manila Police Department humbly began as a patrolman and later became one of Manila's famous and highly respected police officers, worthy of the various awards and commendations he had received during his entire career in the police force;

WHEREAS, as Member of the House of Representatives representing the Second District of Surigao del Norte, he was consistently voted by various institutions and organizations as one of the Most Outstanding Members of the House of Representatives for his exemplary performance as a legislator and for his undying commitment to help preserve peace and order in the country as Chairman of the House Committee on Effective Law Enforcement and Vice Chairman of the House Committee on Public Order and Security;

WHEREAS, chosen to head the Department of the Interior and Local Government by President Fidel V. Ramos in 1996, he lived to the expectations of the Chief Executive as he exemplarily performed his tasks, establishing various programs that proved helpful in the government's campaign against all forms of criminality;

WHEREAS, in his stint as DILG Secretary, he earned the distinction of being adjudged as the most effective, most efficient and most popular Cabinet member of the Ramos administration for five consecutive times ;

WHEREAS, in 1998, he was elected senator, ranking fifth among the elected Senators, and served as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs;

WHEREAS, despite serious ailment, he did not show any sign of slowing down as he continued to perform his mandate by actively participating in the deliberations of issues involving national interest and authoring numerous bills and resolutions aimed at improving the country's peace and order situation and economy;

WHEREAS, believing that illegal drugs is a menace to the Filipino people, he had worked doubly hard in the enactment of Republic Act No. 9165, otherwise known as the "Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002," the law that had sent thousands of suspected drug pushers to jail;

WHEREAS, clearly demonstrating his undying love for his country and silently showing his own way of uniting the nation by sacrificing his personal gain, he readily stepped down as Vice Presidential Candidate of the Lakas-NUCD Party in 1998 to give way to then Senator Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, and again, in 2004, in favor of then Senator Noli de Castro;

WHEREAS, Senator Barbers will be remembered by many in the years to come as one of the greatest crime fighters, both as a law enforcer and a lawmaker, as a man of courage who dedicated his entire life to public service, as a patriot who loved his country and its people, and as a religious individual with unflinching faith on God;

WHEREAS, Senator Barber's demise is indeed a great loss to the nation and its people, thus the Senate of the Philippines joins his family in their moment of bereavement: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, To express, as it hereby expresses, its deep sympathy and highest respect on the demise of the Honorable Robert Z. Barbers, former Senator, Congressman, Cabinet Secretary, and ranking officer of the National Bureau of Investigation and the Western Police District

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the bereaved family of the Honorable Robert Z. Barbers.

Adopted,


RAMON "BONG" REVILLA, JR.
Senator