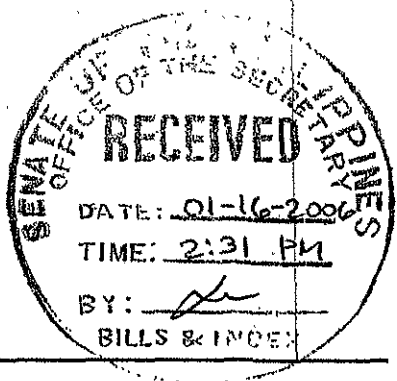


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SENATE

P. S. RES. NO. 409

Introduced by Senator Francis N. Pangilinan

**RESOLUTION**

**EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCE OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF FORMER SENATOR ROBERT Z. BARBERS**

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Robert Z. Barbers, 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, passed away on December 25, 2005;

**WHEREAS**, in his entire career as public servant as well as in his private life, he was guided by the motto that "There is no greater achievement than to offer oneself in the service of God, country and people";

**WHEREAS**, entering the Police Service as a patrolman, he rose from the ranks and became one of Manila's finest and respected police officers;

**WHEREAS**, during his career as a law enforcer, he received numerous awards and commendations such as one of the Ten Outstanding Policemen of the Philippines (TOPP) for three consecutive years (1986-1988), sixteen (16) efficiency medals for solving major and sensational crimes, spot promotions for the arrest of prominent drug lords and rebel leaders; medals of merit and gallantry, and commendation letters from the U.S. State Department and various embassies;

**WHEREAS**, he also held the rare distinction of being the first and only Filipino Golden Service Awardee for Outstanding Law Enforcer in Asia given in New York in 1991 and he was also given a special award of honor by the International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association (INEOA) in Florida in 2002 in recognition of his outstanding accomplishment in the field of narcotics law enforcement;

**WHEREAS**, in 1992 and 1995, he was elected Member of the House of Representatives representing the Second District of Surigao del Norte where he continued to do his share to 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**, during his first term as congressman, he was consistently voted as one of the Most Outstanding Members of the House of Representatives for his exemplary performance as a legislator by various institutions and organizations, including the Consumer Welfare Foundation of the Philippines, University of the Philippines, Gladiator Magazine, Pilipino Newslite, the Consumer's Union of the Philippines and the National Defense College of the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, in 1996, while serving his second term as representative of Surigao del Norte in the House of Representatives, he was appointed by then President Fidel V. Ramos as Secretary of the Interior and Local Government;

**WHEREAS**, as member of the Cabinet, he actively campaigned against criminality, created the Public Assistance and Reaction Against Crime (PARAC), intensified the fight against illegal drugs, established the Bring-A-Friend Project which worked for the voluntary submission of drug dependents for rehabilitation, and formed the alliance between the smallest political unit and the law enforcers through the Barangay at Pulisya Laban sa Krimen (BPLK) Program the purpose of which was to enlist the cooperation and active participation of the civilian populace in the fight against all forms of criminality;

**WHEREAS**, his efforts did not remain unnoticed as he was named by the people in the survey conducted by the Social Weather Stations (SWS) as the most effective, most efficient and most popular Cabinet member of the Ramos administration for five consecutive times;

**WHEREAS**, in the 1998 national elections, he ranked fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) among the elected Senators of the Republic and became the first Police officer to be a member of the Senate of the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs, he continued his crusade against all forms of criminality, injustice and illegal drugs, which he believed to be the No. 1 enemy of the Filipino people;

**WHEREAS**, despite his ailment, he continued to serve the country to the best of his abilities, actively participating in the deliberations of issues involving national interest;

**WHEREAS**, as a Senator, he authored numerous laws and resolutions aimed at improving the country's law and order situation, strengthening the Local Government Units, and uplifting the welfare of the Filipinos, the most important of which is Republic Act No. 9165, otherwise known as the "Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002" which he described as a necessary and very potent law to combat illegal drugs;

**WHEREAS**, the Senate of the Philippines joins the nation and his family in their moment of bereavement on the demise of a gallant law enforcer, a dedicated legislator and a selfless public servant whose undying love for his country is beyond doubt: Now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES**, To express, as it hereby expresses, its profound sympathy and sincere condolence on the death of former Senator Robert Z. Barbers.

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

Adopted,

  
FRANCIS M. PANGILINAN  
Senator