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Introduced by Senate President Manny Villar

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**RESOLUTION**  
**EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCE**  
**OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF THE**  
**HONORABLE SENATOR LEONARDO B. PEREZ**

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Leonardo B. Perez, war hero, scholar, student leader, legislator, statesman, outstanding public servant, loving husband and dedicated father, passed away on June 16, 2007;

**WHEREAS**, his illustrious history of public service to the Filipino nation began in World War II when he served as Intelligence Agent under the 14<sup>th</sup> Infantry, USAFIP, North Luzon Command and helped establish the Hapid (Kiangan, Ifugao) where U.S. Air Force planes delivered arms and ammunition for the 14<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion;

**WHEREAS**, for his valor and exemplary deeds during the war, he was bestowed the Purple Heart Award by the U.S. Army and was decorated with campaign ribbons and Medals of World War II;

**WHEREAS**, his remarkable stint in Philippine politics began when he was appointed Secretary of the Nueva Vizcaya Provincial Board in 1952 to 1953;

**WHEREAS**, in 1953, the people of Nueva Vizcaya, recognizing his commitment to public service, elected him to the House of Representatives, and became the youngest Congressman of the Third Congress at twenty-eight (28) years old; he served for three more consecutive terms until 1967; and in 1992 he was again elected Congressman of the same Congressional District;

**WHEREAS**, in the House of Representatives, he became the First Assistant Majority Leader; served as Chairman of the Committees on Anti-Filipino Activities, and Privileges and Election Laws; and at one time or another became a Member of the following Committees, to wit: Appropriations, Public Works, National Defense, Naturalization and Immigration, National Language, Labor, and Revision of Laws among others;

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of his outstanding performance as Congressman, he received various awards and citations such as Most Outstanding Congressman from the Congressional Press Club in 1960 to 1966, one of the Ten Outstanding Congressman by the Philippine Free Press in 1960, 1961 and 1963, and Congress Best Lawmakers by the Weekender (The Evening News);

**WHEREAS**, he was elected to the Senate in 1967 where he became the Chairman of the Committee on National Defense and Security and the Vice-Chairman of the Committees on Investigation (Blue Ribbon) and National Minorities;

**WHEREAS**, in the Senate, he authored and sponsored Republic Act No. 6388, otherwise known as "the Election Code of 1971";

**WHEREAS**, he also served in the executive branch of government in various positions, appointed Chairman of the Commission on Elections on May 17, 1973 and after retiring from said position he served as Presidential Adviser on Political Affairs;

**WHEREAS**, our country has the good fortune of having been served by a leader with unparalleled wisdom, untiring dedication to public service and great devotion for the upliftment of the lives of the Filipino people, thus this august Chamber joins his family and the whole nation in this period of bereavement: 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 the Honorable Senator Leonardo B. Perez;

**RESOLVED, FURTHER**, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the bereaved family of the Honorable Leonardo B. Perez.

Adopted,

  
**MANNY VILLAR**  
*Senate President*