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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 513

Introduced by ANG PROBINSYANO
Party-List Representative Alfred Delos Santos

A RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND DEEP CONDOLENCES OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF THE LATE
AQUILINO "NENE" PIMENTEL JR.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:

WHEREAS, Former Senator Aquilino "Nene" Pimentel Jr., one of the great
Philippine statesmen in our political history, passed away on 20 October 2019, due
to complications with lymphoma;

WHEREAS, the good former Senator Nene Pimentel was born on 11 December
1933 to Aquilino E. Pimentel Sr. and Petra Quillinging. And in just a couple of years,
he had risen to prominence in national politics and was elected as a delegate to the
Constitutional Convention of 1971 – representing Misamis Oriental;

WHEREAS, he was also elected as Mayor of Cagayan De Oro, running a
traditional grassroots campaign which endeared him to the hearts of Cagayanons.
When he was disqualified on technicalities, the people of Cagayan De Oro held silent
protests and mobilized for his rightful place as their duly-elected Mayor;

WHEREAS, Senator Nene Pimentel had been an advocate of civil liberties and
democracy, being a staunch critic of the Marcos dictatorship. But despite the
numerous attempts at breaking his spirit, his love for freedom and democracy had
never wavered even once in the face of what seemed to be an insurmountable foe;

WHEREAS, upon the fall of the dictatorship in 1986, he took the reins as the
czar of local government. He continued his crusade against the remnants of the
dictatorship so that Philippine society may begin again – free from the peddled
influence and corruption left by the Marcos regime;

WHEREAS, his championing of democracy and civil rights had earned him
the respect and admiration of Filipinos, who subsequently launched him into the
Senate in 1987. It was here he authored several significant pieces of legislation such
as: the Local Government Code of 1991, the People's Small-Scale Mining Act, and
the Act creating the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao;

WHEREAS, Nene Pimentel's campaign for good governance and a better
Philippines was not confined to public office. Sitting senator or not, he pushed for
the prosecution of the Expo Filipino Centennial Scam, the investigation of the misuse
of the funds of the Retirement and Separation Benefits of the Armed Forces of the
Philippines, and the pursuit of amendments on the Local Government Code to enable
local officials to be more responsive to the needs of the people;

WHEREAS, the great Senator Nene Pimentel is a model statesman, legislator,
and citizen whose feats would continue to inspire generations of servant-leaders to
come. He has shown the strength of the indomitable Filipino spirit in its quest to
achieve the just and equal society. Nene Pimentel's legacy shall echo through the
annals of history as a paragon of democracy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we the undersigned members of the
House of Representatives hereby RESOLVE to extend our deepest and heartfelt
condolences to the bereaved family of the late Senator Nene Pimentel.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the
family of the late Nene Pimentel and His Excellency, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte.

Adopted,

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