A RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE
CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
ON THE DEMISE OF FORMER AMBASSADOR AND BUSINESS
TYCOON EDUARDO MURPHY COJUANGCO JR.

WHEREAS, former Ambassador to the U.S.A., His Excellency Eduardo "Danding" M. Cojuangco, Jr., a businessman and a politician, died on Tuesday evening due to pneumonia and heart failure at the age of eighty five (85) years old;

WHEREAS, as a politician, Ambassador Danding Cojuangco, Jr., served as governor of Tarlac from 1967 to 1969, member of the House of Representatives during the 4th Congress from 1969 to 1972 and founder of the Nationalist People’s Coalition (NPC) in 1992 and remained the Chairman Emeritus of the Party until he passed away;

WHEREAS, Ambassador Cojuangco built San Miguel Corporation into a business empire now with diversified interests in food, beverage, and infrastructure, among others, and is recognized as "one of the country's leading businessmen";
WHEREAS, Ambassador Cojuangco had been Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of San Miguel Corporation since July 7, 1998. He was also the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the said company;

WHEREAS, he also held other positions in several companies such as Chairman and CEO of Ginebra San Miguel Inc., Chairman of San Miguel Food and Beverage, Inc., Petron Corporation, ECJ & Sons Agricultural Enterprises, Inc., Eduardo Cojuangco, Jr. Foundation, Inc., San Miguel Northern Cement, Inc., and Northern Cement Corporation, and Director of Caiñaman Farms, Inc.;

WHEREAS, he advocated sports in the country, notably basketball, having supported it since the 1980s as a “basketball godfather” with his Norther Consolidated team and three (3) other teams in the Philippine Basketball Association, San Miguel Beermen, Barangay Ginebra San Miguel, and Star Hotshots. He was also a key benefactor of the De La Salle Green Archers men’s basketball team;

WHEREAS, Ambassador Cojuangco was survived by his wife Gretchen O. Cojuangco and his children, Margarita "Tina" Cojuangco Barrera, Luisa "Lisa" Cojuangco-Cruz, Carlos "Rep. Charlie" Cojuangco and Former Rep. Marcos "Mark" Cojuangco.;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing factual milieu, we the undersigned members of the House of Representatives hereby RESOLVE to express our deepest condolences on the demise of Former Ambassador and business tycoon Eduardo ‘Danding’ M. Cojuangco Jr.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of the deceased.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that this Resolution be formed as part of the records of this august body.

ADOPTED.

ERIC L. OLIVAREZ