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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 995

Introduced by: ATTY. JESUS “BONG” C. SUNTAY

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEP SYMPATHIES AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF EDUARDO “DANDING” COJUANGCO JR., FORMER PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR TO THE USA, AND CHAIRMAN AND CEO OF SAN MIGUEL CORPORATION

WHEREAS, on the 16th of June 2020, this country mourns the passing of Eduardo "Danding" Murphy Cojuangco Jr., former Philippine Ambassador to the United States of America, and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of San Miguel Corporation (SMC);

WHEREAS, Danding Cojuangco was a member of this House from 1969 to 1972 during the 7th Congress as the representative of the First District of Tarlac, having served also as the Governor of Tarlac from 1967 to 1969;

WHEREAS, he founded the political party Nationalist People’s Coalition (NPC) with the primary vision of establishing a system of governance that improves the quality of life of all Filipinos by addressing poverty, spreading prosperity, and ensuring social justice through meaningful social changes and economic innovations;

WHEREAS, he is considered as the godfather of Philippine basketball in the 1980s and has made invaluable contributions to Philippine sports. He established a Philippine men’s national basketball program and training pool with the creation of Northern Cement (NCC), which became the blueprint of the Gilas Pilipinas program decades later;

WHEREAS, he took over San Miguel Corporation (SMC), which started as a single brewery in the Philippines, and has since then transformed itself from a beverage, food and packaging business into a diversified conglomerate with businesses in fuel and oil, energy, infrastructure, and real estate industries. It is now recognized as the largest food and beverage corporation in the Philippines and Southeast Asia;
WHEREAS, SMC, with its highly diversified business ventures, contributes greatly to the socioeconomic development of the country. It has not only provided countless work opportunities for the Filipinos but has also implemented several aid and programs for those in need;

WHEREAS, SMC’s social and environmental initiatives across its businesses continuously support literacy in the Philippines through scholarship assistance, supplemental feeding, book donation and functional literacy programs; promoting environmental programs and community and enterprises development through medical missions, community clinics and other programs to strengthen and develop the barangays in need;

WHEREAS, SMC is also a reliable partner of the government in the country’s fight against the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic by providing support and assistance to frontliners and vulnerable sectors; donations such as food, supplements, testing kits, Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs), and fuel for shuttle buses for the frontliners, among others. It has also completed construction of ten (10) emergency quarantine facilities in several Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) camps nationwide;

WHEREAS, these exemplary efforts of the San Miguel Corporation, during Cojuangco’s leadership, in promoting Corporate Social Responsibility specifically in the areas of environmental, social, and corporate governance, has been consistently recognized internationally;

WHEREAS, this legacy, that promotes Corporate Social Responsibility in the Philippine business arena, should be remembered and emulated.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives, in session assembled, extends its collective sympathy and condolence to the bereaved family of the late Eduardo “Danding” Cojuangco Jr.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the family of the late Eduardo “Danding” Cojuangco Jr.

Adopted.

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