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RESOLUTION
EXpressing profound sympathy and sincerest condolences of
the House of Representatives on the death of
former Senator Ramon Revilla, Sr.

WHEREAS, the Honorable Ramon Revilla, Sr., former Senator of the Republic of the
Philippines, passed away on June 26, 2020 at the age of 93;

WHEREAS, born Jose Acuña Bautista on March 8, 1927, Senator Revilla who is fondly
called “Don Ramon” is a native of Imus, Cavite;

WHEREAS, he earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Commerce at the Far Eastern
University, which, in 1997, recognized him as an outstanding alumnus in the field of public
service, specifically legislation;

WHEREAS, from 1965 to 1972, he served as Senior Intelligence Officer with the rank
of Major at the Bureau of Customs where he headed the Secret Service Unit, the
precursor of the present Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service;

WHEREAS, his inherent passion for the Filipino film industry enthused him to make movies not only as an actor, but also as a script writer, director, and producer;

WHEREAS, Revilla’s brilliant craft made him one of the country’s movie icons revered as “Hari ng Agimat” and admired for his characters in the movie “NardongPutik: Kilabot ng Cavite” in 1972, and “PepengAgimat…Sa Daigdig ng Kababalaghan” in 1973, among others;

WHEREAS, in recognition of his illustrious contribution to the industry, he received various awards including Best Actor for the movie “Hulihiin si Tiyagong Akyat” given by the Filipino Academy of Movie Arts and Sciences (FAMAS) in 1973, Outstanding Film Production and Socio-civic Leader in 1975, Outstanding Producer of the Year in 1976, Most Outstanding Actor and Box Office King in 1979, and Lifetime Achievement Award given at the 33rd Catholic Mass Media Awards (CMMA) Night in 2011;

WHEREAS, beyond the frames of the camera and the fictional characters from which he was widely known, Revilla has innate good will, fortitude, and pure intent to serve his countrymen that spawned him to join the public service;

WHEREAS, he ran for a seat in the Senate in 1992 where he propitiously ranked second, and was re-elected in 1998, hence completing his two-term service in 2004;

WHEREAS, during his stint, he chaired the Committees on Public Works and Highways, Labor and Employment, Motion Pictures and Television, and Public Information and Mass Media;

WHEREAS, in his early years as a novice legislator, he became known as the “Father of the Public Works Act” for his authorship and sponsorship of Republic Act 8150 otherwise known as the “Public Works and Highways Infrastructure Program Act of 1995” which gave priority to infrastructure as a catalyst for development;

WHEREAS, he even endeavored to legislate a medium to long term infrastructure program that will revive the country from the Asian financial crisis, believing that “progress is meaningless if it is not seen and felt nationwide, from the cities to the remotest barrios and its effects felt and appreciated by the masses”;

WHEREAS, in 1997, another measure principally authored by Revilla was signed into law as Republic Act No. 8294 which amends Presidential Decree 1866 by lowering the penalties imposed on the illegal possession of firearms;

WHEREAS, he was also a co-sponsor of Republic Act No. 8370, otherwise known as
the “Children’s Television Act of 1997” which puts prime on the welfare of the children by regulating the contents of programs to ensure that they are child-friendly and educational;

WHEREAS, as a gesture of respect and appreciation for their hard work and excellence, Revilla authored a bill that grants rewards to the men and women in sports which later became Republic Act No. 9064 otherwise known as “National Athletes, Coaches and Trainers Benefits and Incentives Act of 2001” or “Sports Benefits and Incentives Act of 2001”;

WHEREAS, quoted as saying that “the child should not suffer the stigma of his illegitimacy”, he authored another landmark legislation signed in 2004 as Republic Act No. 9255 and touted as “Revilla Law” which amends the Family Code of the Philippines to allow illegitimate children to use the surname of their father who has executed an express and written acknowledgement of filiation;

WHEREAS, after his term at the Senate, he was appointed as the Chair of the Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA) Board who steered the planning and implementation of the conversion of Sangleys Point into an international logistics hub, an important foundation of the recently inaugurated Sangley Airport Development Project (SADP) which is expected to decongest the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) and at the same time, provide employment and economic opportunities to the people;

WHEREAS, because of his admirable influence in the film industry, he is recognized as one of its pillars whose artistry and craft strengthened the foundations of Philippine movies;

WHEREAS, his estimable fulfilment of his responsibilities as a legislator and a public servant were instrumental in our common goal of achieving national progress and peaceful society for the generations ahead;

WHEREAS, the chaste heart, obliging hand, and benevolent soul that he unselfishly shared is greatly appreciated and treasured by his family and friends, his colleagues and comrades, and the Filipino people he served;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE, To express, as it is hereby expresses, its profound sympathy and sincerest condolences on the death of Former Senator Ramon Revilla, Sr.

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