Introducing by Representatives Alan Peter "Compañero" S. Cayetano, Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez and Bienvenido M. Abante Jr.

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF ATTY. PERFECTO RIVAS YASAY JR., FORMER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FORMER CHAIRPERSON OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Atty. Perfecto Rivas Yasay Jr, passed away on June 12, 2020 at the age of 73;

WHEREAS, a seasoned lawyer and a conscientious public servant, Atty. Perfecto Rivas Yasay Jr., or "Jun," as he was fondly called by his family and friends, was born on January 27, 1947 in Kidapawan, North Cotabato to spouses Perfecto Yasay Sr., a pastor, and Deborah Rivas, a public school teacher;

WHEREAS, Atty. Jun Yasay was survived by his wife, Cecile Joaquin Yasay, former Executive Director of the Commission on Population (now renamed as the Commission on Population and Development), and their children: Oliver, Raveena, Stephanie, Nino and Richie;

WHEREAS, Atty. Yasay finished his secondary education from the Davao City High School in 1963; obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science degree from the Central Philippine University, Iloilo City in 1967; earned his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of the Philippines, in Diliman, Quezon City; and took some units in Master of Business Administration from the Ateneo de Manila University;
WHEREAS, in July 1969, at the age of 23, Atty. Yasay was elected as the youngest Vice-President of the World Alliance of YMCAs in Nottingham, England, and was an outstanding and experienced law practitioner both in the Philippines and the United States;

WHEREAS, as a member of the Bar in the United States, Atty. Yasay appeared before the Supreme Court and in various judicial and quasi-judicial bodies, where he specialized in corporate, civil, criminal, administrative, and immigration cases;

WHEREAS, while in New York, Atty. Yasay was the managing director of the Philippine News, New York Bureau from 1983 to 1987, and a senior partner of two law firms, the Maceda, Yasay and Tolentino, Esquires, and the Yasay and De Castro, Esquires, where he successfully represented and championed the cause of Filipinos in criminal, deportation and denaturalization proceedings;

WHEREAS, in the Philippines, he was a senior partner of the San Jose, Yasay and Santos Law Offices from 1987 to 1993, and an incorporator of Jacinto Finance, Marilene J. Group Corporation, and Cricem Incorporated;

WHEREAS, Atty. Perfecto Rivas Yasay Jr. received various awards and recognitions which include: *Stars of Asia Award*, conferred by the Business Week Magazine, for being at the forefront of change and striving for a firmer foundation for Asia; *EDSA People Power Freedom Award*, for his advocacy for transparency and the fight against corruption in government service; *Gold-Vision Triangle Award*, the highest award granted by the YMCA of the Philippines for community service in the area of youth leadership, as well as the *Domingo Bascura Leadership Award; Dabawenyo of the Year Award*, given by the Davao Sun Star; *Distinguished Centralian Award*, conferred by the Central Philippine University; and *Outstanding Achievement Award*, given by the University of the Philippines Class of 1972;

WHEREAS, his writing skill, academic proficiency, and experience in public service encouraged him to share his ideas through his books entitled: “*Out of the Lion’s Den, The Travails and Triumphs of a Public Servant,*” and “*Terminal Four, Corruption in America’s Only Colony in Asia;*”

WHEREAS, in 1993, Atty. Perfecto Rivas Yasay Jr., was appointed as associate commissioner of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and served as its Chairperson from 1995 to 2000 under the administrations of former President Fidel Valdez Ramos and former President Joseph Ejercito Estrada;

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2016, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte appointed Atty. Yasay as the Secretary of Foreign Affairs where he articulated and pursued the
country’s independent foreign policy until he was succeeded by now Speaker Alan Peter “Compañero” Cayetano;

WHEREAS, he served as the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Central Philippine University in Iloilo City, and before his passing, he was the Chairperson of the Philippine Christian University;

WHEREAS, Atty. Perfecto Rivas Yasay Jr., was a compassionate mentor, humble public servant, and an exemplary leader whose dedication, sense of honor, and integrity served as an inspiration to all those who aspire to perform genuine public service;

WHEREAS, his demise is a significant loss not only to his family, relatives, and friends but to the country as a whole, and his legacy will forever be etched in the hearts of the people and the institutions he faithfully served: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To express its profound condolences to the family of Atty. Perfecto Rivas Yasay Jr., former Secretary of Foreign Affairs and former Chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the bereaved family.

Adopted,

ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO

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