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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO: 1235

Introduced by Representatives Alan Peter “Compañero” S. Cayetano,
Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez and Bienvenido M. Abante, Jr.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Honorable Eduardo “Danding” M. Cojuangco Jr. passed away on June 16, 2020 at the age of 85;

WHEREAS, Honorable Danding Cojuangco served as a councilor and acting vice-mayor in his hometown in Paniqui, Tarlac (1959); governor of the Province of Tarlac (1967-1969); and Representative of the First Legislative District of Tarlac during the Seventh Congress (1970-1972);

WHEREAS, during his term as governor, he quelled the threat and growing influence of the communist New People’s Army, and helped restore and stabilize the peace and order situation in the Province of Tarlac;

WHEREAS, as a Member of the House of Representatives during the Seventh Congress, he was the principal author of House Bill No. 318, entitled “An Act Establishing the Tarlac College of Agriculture in the Municipality of Camiling, Province of Tarlac,” and House Bill No. 319, entitled “An Act
Constituting an Aeronautical Special Fund Out of the Proceeds of Taxes on Aviation Fuel, Amending for the Purpose Section Three Hundred Sixty-One of the National Internal Revenue Code;”

WHEREAS, he was the co-author of House Bill No. 301, entitled “An Act Creating A Joint Legislative – Executive Commission on Civil and Political Rights and Obligations, Defining its Objectives, Powers and Functions, and for Other Purposes,” and House Bill No. 312, entitled “An Act Amending Certain Provisions of Republic Act Numbered Two Hundred Sixty-Five, entitled ‘An Act Establishing the Central Bank of the Philippines, Defining its Powers in the Administration of the Monetary and Banking System, Amending the Pertinent Provisions of the Administrative Code with respect to the Currency and Bureau of Banking, and for Other Purposes;”

WHEREAS, he was also one of the co-authors of House Bill No. 1105 which was later approved as Republic Act No. 6125, entitled “An Act Imposing a Stabilization Tax on Consignments Abroad to Accelerate the Economic Development of the Philippines and for Other Purposes;”

WHEREAS, as a sports aficionado, Honorable Cojuangco made countless contributions to the Philippine sports, particularly in basketball where he sponsored the National Consolidated Cement, the national team that won the 1981 and 1985 William Jones Cup and ruled the 1985 Southeast Asian Games and 1986 Asian Basketball Confederation Championship; he also owned three teams in the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) – San Miguel Beermen, Ginebra San Miguel and Magnolia Hotshots – which are considered to be the most successful franchises in the PBA today with a total of 53 titles;

WHEREAS, a remarkable tycoon with sharp business acumen and “midas touch,” Honorable Cojuangco brought San Miguel Corporation, one of the largest and most diversified conglomerates in the country with highly integrated operations and interests in beverages, food and packaging, to greater heights of success, in the same way that he achieved equal degree of success when he ventured in the business of fuel, oil, power, and infrastructure which include Petron Corporation, ECJ & Sons Agricultural Enterprises, Inc. and Cainaman Farms, Inc.;

WHEREAS, equipped with his vast political background and experience, Honorable Cojuangco founded the Nationalist People’s Coalition (NPC), one of the presently leading political parties in the country, with a vision of improving the quality of life of all Filipinos, as may be discerned from his very words that “A political party that does not touch upon and improve the lives of the people has no reason to exist;”
WHEREAS, a philanthropist in heart and mind, with his philosophy in life of “sharing your fortunes with as many people as you can, and putting your energies into developing your own country because you only have one,” he launched the Flagships to Reach Educational Excellence (Project FREE) through the Eduardo Cojuangco Foundation so that public school teachers in the Province of Tarlac may pursue their master’s and doctorate degrees for free, and until recently, he was instrumental in initiating the donation of San Miguel Corporation of more than One billion pesos to help the country in its fight against the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic;

WHEREAS, a just and fair person, Honorable Danding Cojuangco was loved and respected by his employees for his generosity, giving them numerous benefits, and the opportunities to grow and achieve their full potentials through trainings, seminars and workshops;

WHEREAS, with a charismatic personality, Honorable Danding Cojuangco was a comfortable person to talk to and to be with, and he considered all his friends as members of his family;

WHEREAS, Honorable Danding Cojuangco was survived by his wife, Soledad “Gretchen” Oppen-Cojuangco of Negros Occidental, and their four children, Mark, Margarita, Luisa and Carlos;

WHEREAS, the political savvy and dedication to public service of Honorable Danding Cojuangco were inherited by his two sons, Honorable Mark O. Cojuangco, former Representative of the Fifth Legislative District of Pangasinan during the Twelfth to Fourteenth Congresses, and Honorable Carlos O. Cojuangco, former Representative of the Fourth Legislative District of Negros Occidental during the Eleventh to Thirteenth Congresses, and the incumbent Representative of the First Legislative District of Tarlac;

WHEREAS, the demise of this illustrious business tycoon, strong political kingpin, and humble philanthropist is a great loss, to his family, relatives, and friends, and to the country as a whole, but his immense contribution to the socioeconomic development of the country and tireless efforts to uplift the lives of Filipinos will always be remembered in many years to come: Now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To express its profound condolences to the family of Honorable Eduardo M. Cojuangco, Jr., former Representative of the First Legislative District of Tarlac during the Seventh Congress and the father of former Representative Mark O. Cojuangco and Honorable Carlos O. Cojuangco, Representative of the First Legislative District of Tarlac.

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

Adopted,

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