Introducing Representatives Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco, Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez and Bienvenido M. Abante Jr.

RESOLUTION


WHEREAS, on September 18, 2020, the cooperatives sector lost its champion with the passing of Honorable Jose R. Ping-ay at the age of 70;

WHEREAS, Honorable Ping-ay is survived by his wife, Victoria B. Ping-ay, seven children, Lorie, Gerald, Niño, Veejay, JP, Ridam and Jomer, and eighteen grandchildren;

WHEREAS, Representative Ping-ay graduated valedictorian in elementary and salutatorian in high school at Ilocos Sur; earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degree as an academic scholar in St. Louis University in 1972; and awarded Most Outstanding Group Coordinator when he completed a special course in urban and regional planning in the University of the Philippines in 1978;

WHEREAS, prior to his election as a Member of the House of Representatives, Honorable Ping-ay rendered public service in various capacities serving as a civil engineering aide at the Ilocos Sur Provincial
Engineer’s Office in 1972; as an assistant provincial engineer and staff engineer at the National Economic Development Authority office in Ilocos Region; as a provincial board member of Ilocos Sur from 1995 to 1998 for which he was awarded as the “Most Outstanding Board Member of the Philippines” in 1996; and as a vice-mayor of Sta. Cruz, Ilocos Sur from 2001 to 2004;

WHEREAS, deeply involved in the cooperatives movement for more than thirty years, Representative Jose Ping-ay served as chairperson of the Sta. Cruz Credit and Development Cooperative from 1987 to 1995 and again in 2005; founder and chairperson of the Ilocos Sur Federation of Cooperatives from 1989 to 1995; chairperson of the Northern Luzon Cooperative; founding chairperson and director of the Ilocos Sur Cooperative Bank in 2006; and chairperson of the National Confederation of Cooperatives (NATCCO) in 2008;

WHEREAS, Representative Jose Ping-ay made his mark in the national cooperatives movement after steering the Sta. Cruz Credit and Development Cooperative into a two hundred thirty-six million peso enterprise from its five thousand pesos capital when it started in 1984, and during his term as chairperson of NATCCO in 2008, he led the federation in gaining the landmark first billion in assets, thus earning him the title “Action Man;”

WHEREAS, Representative Jose Ping-ay also advocated for the passage of the following measures: Republic Act (RA) No. 10618, otherwise known as the “Rural Farm Schools Act;” RA 10593, entitled “An Act Amending Certain Sections of Republic Act No. 8048, Entitled “An Act Providing for the Regulation of the Cutting of Coconut Trees, Its Replenishment, Providing Penalties Therefor, and for Other Purposes;” RA 10374, entitled “An Act Extending the Life of the Land Bank of the Philippines, Further Amending Republic Act No. 3844, Otherwise Known as the “Agricultural Land Reform Code,” as Amended;” RA 10361, otherwise known as the “Domestic Workers Act” or “Batas Kasambahay;” RA 10354, otherwise known as “The Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012;” RA 09513, otherwise known as the “Renewable Energy Act of 2008;”

WHEREAS, Representative Jose R. Ping-ay is fondly remembered as a doting grandfather to his eighteen grandchildren, a good provider to his family and relatives, a hardworking boss to his co-workers, a passionate farmer-leader to his constituents, and a true-blue, down to the core cooperatives champion whose consuming advocacy was the upliftment of the poor and marginalized sectors of society;
WHEREAS, the demise of Honorable Jose R. Ping-ay is a great loss not only to his family, relatives, and friends, but also to the cooperatives sector with and for whom he served with all sincerity and dedication: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To express its deepest sympathies to the family of Honorable Jose R. Ping-ay, Representative of the Cooperatives-National Confederation of Cooperatives (COOP-NATCCO) Party-list during the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Congresses.

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

Adopted,

[Signature]

LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO

BIENVENIDO M. ABANTE JR.  FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ