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Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-second day of July, two thousand nineteen.

RESOLUTION NO. 58


WHEREAS, the Honorable Martin B. Isidro passed away on May 28, 2020 at the age of ninety-one (91);

WHEREAS, “Tata Martin” or “Kakang Sid”, as the Honorable Isidro was fondly called by his constituents, family, and friends, was survived by his loving wife, Melliza Villa Ignacio, and their three (3) children, namely: Martin Jr., Marvin, and Melvyn;
WHEREAS, Tata Martin studied Political Science at the 
Manuel L. Quezon University and Arellano University, earned 
his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of the Philippines, 
and was admitted to the Philippine Bar in 1955;

WHEREAS, during his early years in government service 
as City Councilor and as Vice Mayor of Manila from 1972 
to 1975, he exemplified steadfast dedication as presiding 
officer of the City Council and in promoting city development 
projects and the delivery of social services to his constituents;

WHEREAS, the Honorable Isidro was elected as Member of 
the House of Representatives from 1987 to 1998, representing 
the First Legislative District of the City of Manila for three (3) 
consecutive terms, during the Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth 
Congresses, in which he held the prominent positions of 
Assistant Majority Floor Leader and Chairperson of the 
Committee on Labor and Employment during the Tenth Congress;

WHEREAS, as a Member of the House of Representatives, 
the Honorable Isidro was a dynamic, passionate, and hardworking 
public servant, notably focused on issues concerning labor and 
employment, public order and security, and the promotion of the 
welfare of civil servants;

WHEREAS, in 1992, as a member of the Committee on 
Labor and Employment of the House of Representatives, 
he was one of the advisers of the Philippine delegation to the 
Seventy-ninth Session of the International Labour Conference 
held in Geneva;

WHEREAS, during his stint as Representative of the First 
Legislative District of the City of Manila, he shepherded the 
approval and was the principal author of several important 
laws, including Republic Act No. 7279, also known as the 
“Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992”; Republic Act 
No. 7479, entitled “An Act Naming the Airfield at the Sanglely 
Point Naval and Air Training Station to Major Danilo Atienza 
Airfield, Sanglely Point”; Republic Act No. 7581, also known 
as the “Price Act”; Republic Act No. 7658, entitled “An Act 
Prohibiting the Employment of Children Below 15 Years of Age 
in Public and Private Undertakings, Amending for this Purpose
Section 12, Article VIII of R.A. 7610; Republic Act No. 7716, entitled “An Act Restructuring the Value-Added Tax (VAT) System, Widening its Tax Base and Enhancing its Administration, and for these Purposes Amending and Repealing the Relevant Provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code, as Amended, and for Other Purposes”; Republic Act No. 8291, entitled “An Act Amending Presidential Decree No. 1146, as Amended, Expanding and Increasing the Coverage and Benefits of the Government Service Insurance System, Instituting Reforms Therein and for Other Purposes”; and Republic Act No. 8294, entitled “An Act Amending the Provisions of Presidential Decree No. 1866, as Amended, Entitled ‘Codifying the Laws on Illegal/Unlawful Possession, Manufacture, Dealing in, Acquisition or Disposition of Firearms, Ammunition or Explosives or Instruments Used in the Manufacture of Firearms, Ammunition or Explosives, and Imposing Stiffer Penalties for Certain Violations Thereof, and for Relevant Purposes’”.

WHEREAS, from 1986 to 1987, he served as President of the Manila Bulletin Publishing Corporation, and from 2003 to 2020, he served as Director, Senior Vice President, Corporate Information Officer, Assistant Corporate Counsel, and Corporate Secretary of the Philippine Trust Company, also known as the PhilTrust Bank:

WHEREAS, his selfless and genuine concern for the welfare of others, especially those who have less in life, was the mark of a true son of Tondo and earned him the respect and admiration of his constituents, colleagues, and friends;

WHEREAS, former Representative Isidro will always be remembered with grateful affection for his dedicated and unselfish commitment to the public and the institutions which he faithfully served, and for being an inspiration to the people of the City of Manila: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, To express its profound condolences to the family of the Honorable Martin B. Isidro, former Representative of the First Legislative District of the City of Manila during the Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Congresses.
Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the bereaved family of the deceased.

Adopted,

ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO
Speaker

This Resolution, in consolidation with House Resolution No. 929, was adopted by the House of Representatives on June 2, 2020.

JOSE LUIS G. MONTALES
Secretary General