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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Resolution No. 347



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO,
FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ, BIENVENIDO M. ABANTE, JR., AND PABLO JOHN
GARCIA

A RESOLUTION

**EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
ON THE DEATH OF HONORABLE JESUS MARINO "RENE" G. ESPINA, A GREAT FILIPINO
PUBLIC SERVANT WHO WAS A FORMER SENATOR (1970 - 1973), GOVERNOR OF THE
PROVINCE OF CEBU (1963 - 1969), SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS,
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE SOCIAL
SECURITY SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, Honorable Jesus Marino "Rene" G. Espina, a great Filipino public servant who served the country in various capacities, passed away on September 13, 2019 at the age of 89;

WHEREAS, he emerged as one of the topnotchers of the 1954 Bar Examinations which is a manifestation of his skills and expertise that befits him of an extensive career in public service;

WHEREAS, in 1962, Honorable Espina, at the age of 33, was appointed by then-President Diosdado P. Macapagal as the youngest ever Administrator of the Social Security System;

WHEREAS, he was elected as the Governor of the Province of Cebu from 1963 - 1969, and concurrently served as a Member of the Cabinet of then-President Ferdinand E. Marcos, having been appointed as the Secretary of Public Works, Transportation and Communications in 1968;

WHEREAS, he was also elected as Senator of the Seventh Congress from 1970 - 1973 and during his stint, Honorable Espina was instrumental in the approval of Republic Act No. 6425, otherwise known as the "Dangerous Drugs Act of 1972", the country's first anti-drug law and the precursor of Republic Act No. 9165, otherwise known as the "Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002";

WHEREAS, he was also a stalwart of Philippine democracy being a distinguished member of the United Nationalist Democratic Organization;

WHEREAS, the Honorable Rene Espina embodied the ideals of a remarkable statesman, an accomplished legislator, and a devoted public servant worthy of emulation;

WHEREAS, the death of an epitome of a great leader is a loss to his family, friends, and the nation but his legacy shall forever be etched in the hearts of the people and the institutions he faithfully served;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives expresses its profound condolences on the death of Honorable Jesus Marino "Rene" G. Espina, a great Filipino public servant who was former Senator (1970 - 1973), Governor of the Province of Cebu (1963 - 1969), Secretary of Public Works, Transportation and Communications, and Administrator of the Social Security System.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That a copy of this Resolution be given to the bereaved family of the Honorable Jesus Marino "Rene" G. Espina.

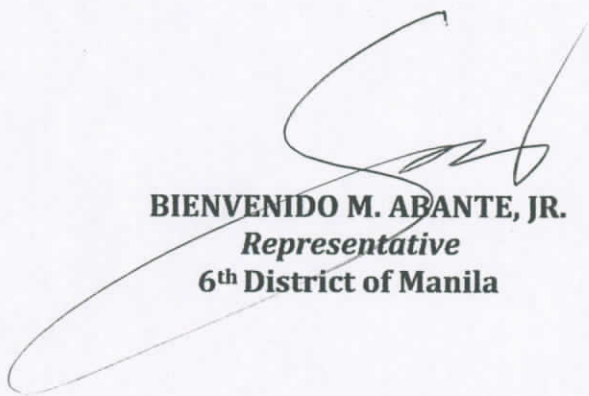
Adopted,



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