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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 855



Introduced by: Hon. Alfredo A. Garbin, Jr.

RESOLUTION

**AUTHORIZING THE BURIAL OF MEDICAL FRONTLINERS WHO DIED
IN SERVICE DUE TO COVID-19 IN THE LIBINGAN NG MGA BAYANI**

WHEREAS, on 7 January 2020, Chinese authorities identified a novel coronavirus from a cluster of pneumonia cases of unknown etiology in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China;

WHEREAS, on 30 January 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern, then a pandemic on 11 March 2020;

WHEREAS, following this declaration and after raising the COVID-19 Alert System to Code Red Sublevel 2, on 20 March 2020, President Rodrigo Duterte imposed the Enhanced Community Quarantine and Stringent Social Distancing Measures to address the threat of COVID-10;

WHEREAS, since then, efforts have been made to suppress the COVID-19 Pandemic with our medical professionals in the frontline to treat COVID-19 patients;

WHEREAS, that in recognition to their significant role and the risks they have assumed, the Congress enacted the R.A No. 11469 or the Bayanihan to Heal As One Act to give the President of the Philippines certain powers necessary to suppress the COVID-19 emergency;

WHEREAS, one of the essential features of the law is giving the medical health professionals certain benefits such as full PhilHealth coverage, Hazard Pay, Special Risk Allowance, and other monetary benefits in case due to the risky nature of their profession at present times;

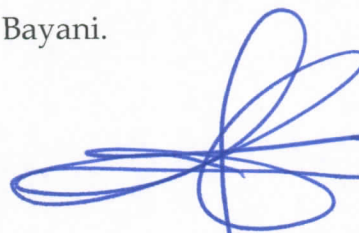
WHEREAS, as of writing, there are nearly 800 doctors and nurses have contracted the virus since the outbreak and that has disease has claimed the lives of at least 22 healthcare workers;¹

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 289 otherwise known as An Act Providing For The Construction of a National Pantheon for Presidents of The Philippines, National Heroes and Patriots of the Country established the Libingan ng mga Bayani which shall be the burial place of their mortal remains to perpetuate the memory of all the Presidents of the Philippines, national heroes and patriots for the inspiration and emulation of this generation and of generations still unborn;²

WHEREAS, in order to honor the lives of every Filipino medical front liner who died in line of duty against COVID-19, they deserve to be buried with state honors at the Libingan ng mga Bayani due to their supreme sacrifice for love of country, loyalty to the people and devotion to their profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives to authorize the burial of medical frontliners who died in service due to COVID-19 in the Libingan ng mga Bayani.

Adopted,



Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin, Jr.
Ako Bicol Party-List

¹ <https://www.thestar.com.my/news/regional/2020/04/20/covid-19-cases-in-philippines-rise-to-6459>

² REPUBLIC ACT NO. 289, Section 1