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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1229

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

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**RESOLUTION**

**EXPRESSING THE DEEPEST SYMPATHIES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE ARCADIO H. GORRICETA, FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF ILOILO DURING THE SIXTEENTH AND SEVENTEENTH CONGRESSES AND FATHER OF HONORABLE MICHAEL B. GORRICETA, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF ILOILO**

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Iloilo lost one of its distinguished and beloved sons with the passing of Honorable Arcadio H. Gorriceta on July 2, 2020 at the age of 74;

**WHEREAS**, Honorable Gorriceta was born on September 30, 1945 to Felix G. Gorriceta and Angela Hitalia, married to Suzette Barrido Gorriceta, and blessed with two children, Joyce Anne Gorriceta Certeza and Michael B. Gorriceta, Representative of the Second Legislative District of Iloilo;

**WHEREAS**, “*Cadio*,” as he was fondly called by family and friends, completed his elementary education at the Philippine Women’s College, finished his secondary education at the University of the Philippines-Visayas, and received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree from the University of the Philippines-Diliman;

**WHEREAS**, a banker by profession, Honorable Gorriceta was a reluctant politician but accepted the challenge of public service when he was given an overwhelming support by his fellow *Ilonggos* and elected him as Mayor of Pavia, Iloilo in 2004-2013, and again in 2019, thereafter instituted responsible policies that promote public health, gender awareness, modernization, and tourism that led to the transformation of his town;

**WHEREAS**, Honorable Gorriceta also served as Commissioner of the Sugar Regulatory Administration in 1988, and as Representative of the Second Legislative District of Iloilo during the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Congresses (2013-2019);

**WHEREAS**, as Municipal Mayor of Pavia, Iloilo, Honorable Gorriceta was rated “*number one in good governance*” and received the “*Seal of Good Housekeeping*” award; cited by the Department of Education as “*Most Outstanding Mayor*” in recognition of his performance in the construction of new classrooms and provision of free computer education to elementary students in Pavia, Iloilo; led and supported the “*Bulig sa Pagtuon*” education program which provided free school supplies and tuition subsidies to students until high school; and instituted reforms in Pavia, Iloilo, transforming it into an agro-industrial and real estate power hub;

**WHEREAS**, having displayed excellence during his time as a local executive, he was given the mandate by the constituents of the Second Legislative District of Iloilo to represent them in the House of Representatives where he dedicated his service to the people, guided by three core principles following his initials – Action, Honesty, and Good Governance, advocating a responsive, efficient, and transparent government, in order to eliminate graft and corruption;

**WHEREAS**, during his stint in the House of Representatives, Honorable Gorriceta became the vice-chairperson of the Committees on Banks and Financial Intermediaries; Public Order and Safety; and Public Works and Highways, and was a member of several committees including Agriculture and Food, Appropriations, Games and Amusements, Health, Local Government, Social Services, and Visayas Development;

**WHEREAS**, former Representative Gorriceta’s transformative leadership characterized by dynamism and innovation led to the passage of several leading-edge measures he principally authored that had tremendous impact on the beneficiaries, which include: Republic Act (RA) No. 11921, otherwise known as the “*Magna Carta of the Poor*,” RA 11350, otherwise known as the “*National Commission of Senior Citizens Act*,” RA 11313,

otherwise known as the “*Safe Spaces Act*;” RA 11310, otherwise known as the “*Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Act*;” RA 11313, otherwise known as the “*Safe Spaces Act*;” RA 11228, entitled “*An Act Providing for the Mandatory Philhealth Coverage of All Persons with Disability (PWD), Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 7277, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The “Magna Carta For Persons With Disability;*” and RA 10969, otherwise known as the “*Free Irrigation Service Act*;”

**WHEREAS**, Honorable Arcadio H. Gorriceta was a noble, simple, upright and inspiring gentleman, a man with a big heart who gave generously without counting the costs or expecting anything in return, and a man who did his best to uplift the lives of his *kasimanwa*;

**WHEREAS**, his clean, transparent, trailblazing and progressive leadership as mayor and legislator, was very inspiring and his demise is a big loss not only to his family and friends, but also to all the *Ilonggos* who dream of change, good governance, and of committed and dedicated public service: Now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**, To express its deepest sympathies to the family of Honorable Arcadio H. Gorriceta, former Representative of the Second Legislative District of Iloilo during the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Congresses and father of Honorable Michael B. Gorriceta, Representative of the Second Legislative District of Iloilo.

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

Adopted,



**ALAN PETER “COMPAÑERO” S. CAYETANO**



**BIENVENIDO M. ABANTE JR.**



**FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ**