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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1230

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

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE DEEPEST SYMPATHIES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE FRANCISCO G. DATOL JR., REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY-LIST DURING THE SEVENTEENTH AND EIGHTEENTH CONGRESSES

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2020, the Senior Citizens Party-list lost its passionate leader and strongest driving force with the passing of Honorable Francisco G. Datol Jr. at the age of 71;

WHEREAS, “*Jun*,” as he was fondly called by family and friends, earned his Bachelor of Science in Political Science degree from the University of the East;

WHEREAS, prior to becoming a legislator, Honorable Datol had decades of experience in public service having served as caretaker of the Development Bank of the Philippines Acquired Assets Department from 1970 to 1972; Labor Foreman Market Administrator in the City Treasurer’s Office of Manila from 1972 to 1976; zone coordinator in the Barangay Operation Center in Manila from 1977 to 1980, and later as District Manager from 1980 to 1982; and as chief of special affairs in the Traffic Operation Center in Manila from 1983 to 1986;

WHEREAS, because of his passionate and vocal manner in fighting for the rights and welfare of his constituents, Representative Datol was best known as the “*Boses ng Senior Citizens sa Kongreso*” where he promoted policies and programs that enhanced the active participation of senior citizens in society, and pushed for the construction of senior citizens buildings, and homes for the aged across the country, as well as the distribution of aid, medicines, and supplies among the elderly;

WHEREAS, during his stint in the House of Representatives, Honorable Datol was the chairperson of the Special Committee on Senior Citizens; vice chairperson of the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Local Government, Metro Manila Development, National Defense and Security, and Public Works; and a member of several committees including the Committees on Games and Amusements, Suffrage and Electoral Reforms, Health, Agriculture and Food, Transportation, Labor and Employment, Appropriations, and the Special Committee on Bases Conversion;

WHEREAS, Representative Jun Datol was a determined advocate for the elderly and dynamic in his fight for greater protection, wider promotion, and increased benefits of senior citizens which led to the passage of measures he principally authored that had tremendous impact on the elderly and marginalized, particularly, Republic Act (RA) No. 11164, entitled “*An Act Increasing the Monthly Pension of Senior Veterans*” and RA 11350, otherwise known as the “*National Commission of Senior Citizens Act*,” he was also among the principal authors of RA 11398, otherwise known as “*The Philippine Fisheries Profession Act*,” RA 11299, entitled “*An Act Establishing the Office for Social Welfare Attaché, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 8042*,” RA 11241, otherwise known as the “*Philippine Occupational Therapy Law of 2018*,” RA 11227, otherwise known as the “*Handbook for OFWs Act of 2018*,”

WHEREAS, Representative Jun Datol will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by everyone as a dedicated public servant, a highly respected Member of the House of Representatives, a beloved and exemplary leader, a man of vision, action, and compassion who championed the care for the elderly and other marginalized sectors through his tireless work and advocacies, and his deep commitment to public service: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To express its deepest sympathies to the family of Honorable Francisco G. Datol Jr., Representative of the Senior Citizens Party-list during the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Congresses.

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

Adopted,



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