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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1232



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

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF ATTY. SIXTO S. BRILLANTES JR., FORMER CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2020, Atty. Sixto “Boy” S. Brillantes Jr. passed away at the age of 80;

WHEREAS, he is survived by Sandy, Lyn, and Zeena, his children with his late spouse, Mrs. Francisca Verde;

WHEREAS, Atty. Brillantes finished his elementary education at the Ateneo De Manila University in 1952; earned his secondary education in 1956 and Bachelor of Science in Commerce degree in 1960 from the San Beda College; passed the Certified Public Accountant Licensure Examinations; graduated *cum Laude* and class valedictorian in his Bachelor of Laws degree from the San Beda College of Law in 1965; and placed seventh in the 1965 Bar Examinations;

WHEREAS, a conscientious and dynamic student leader in law school, Atty. Brillantes was elected as president of San Beda College of Law Student Council and served as the editor-in-chief of the San Beda Law Journal;

WHEREAS, after his sterling performance in the bar examinations, he began an extensive law career as a legal researcher at the Court of Appeals in 1966; junior partner at the Brillantes Law Office from 1967 to 1972; legal affairs officer of Northern Cement Corporation from 1972 to 1982; legal consultant of then Ministry of Trade and Industry; director, corporate secretary and legal counsel of Eduardo “Danding” Cojuangco Jr. group of companies; and senior partner of Robles Brillantes Nachura Ricafrente and Aguirre Law Firm from 1983 to 1987, and Brillantes Navarro Jumamil Arcilla Escolin and Martinez Law Offices from 1987 to 2011;

WHEREAS, he was a part-time professor of election law at San Beda College, Arellano Law Foundation and Perpetual Help College, as well as accounting at the Philippine School of Business Administration and St. Theresa’s College;

WHEREAS, as one of the country’s luminaries in election laws, he served as Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) lecturer in election law; member of the Supreme Court Committee on Revision that drafted the May 2007 Rules on Electoral Protests cases before trial courts; and Bar examiner in Political Law in 2009;

WHEREAS, Atty. Brillantes spent most of his life in intense lawyering for high profile clients serving as the general counsel of the Nationalist People’s Coalition founded by former Representative Eduardo “Danding” Cojuangco Jr. from 2001 to 2006; legal consultant of the United Opposition political party founded by former Mayor Jejomar Binay, from 2007 to 2009; and lead counsel for presidential candidates Eduardo “Danding” Cojuangco Jr (1992); Joseph Estrada (1998); Fernando Poe Jr. (2004) and Benigno Simeon C. Aquino III (2010);

WHEREAS, as a well-loved Bedan, he was conferred the awards “*Outstanding Bedan of the Century*” in 2000, and “*Outstanding Bedan Lawyer*” in 2009; and inducted to the San Beda College Alumni Association “*Hall of Fame*” in 2010;

WHEREAS, he was appointed chairperson of the Commission on Elections in 2011 by then President Benigno Simeon C. Aquino III where he introduced several reforms and innovations in the poll body to gain public confidence in the electoral system such as (1) sanctioning actions that would bring violators of election laws to justice; (2) keeping a strict eye for malfeasance within the commission, with neither fear nor favor; (3) causing stringent limits on political advertisements, albeit struck down by the Supreme Court; (4) cracking down of bogus organizations and the massive cleanup of the party-list system; (5) promoting voter’s rights for persons with disability and other marginalized communities; (6) making an unconventional choice

to switch from the use of metal padlocks to serial-numbered plastic seals to secure ballot boxes; and (7) transitioning to the use of an automated election system;

WHEREAS, hailed as a staunch defender of the poll body's integrity, his familiarity and expertise with the electoral system proved to be an advantage in elections management that resulted in the harmonization of policies in the commission and the promotion of transparency and accountability to ensure orderly and credible conduct of polls;

WHEREAS, the demise of Atty. Sixto "Boy" S. Brillantes leaves a great loss and sorrow in the hearts of his family and friends, and he will always be remembered for his unparalleled expertise in the field of election law and his sheer passion and dedication for his work which earned him the respect not only of his colleagues in the Commission on Elections but also in the legal profession in general: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To express its profound condolences to the family of Atty. Sixto S. Brillantes Jr., former Chairperson of the Commission on Elections.

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

Adopted,



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