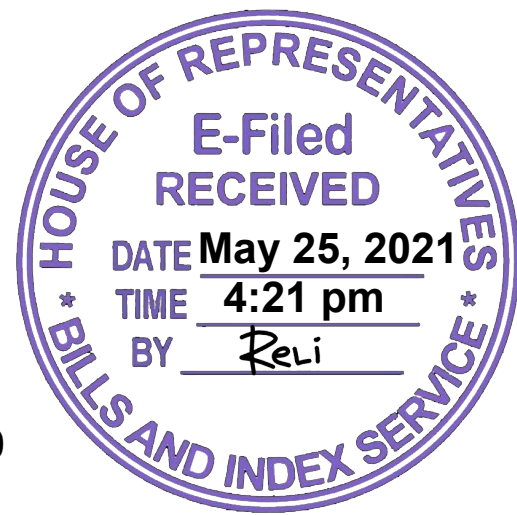


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
Second Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1799



Introduced by Hon. Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco, Hon. Christopher V.P. de Venecia, Hon. Francisco "Kiko" B. Benitez, Hon. Edward Vera Perez Maceda, Hon. Joy Myra S. Tambunting, Hon. Ann K. Hofer, Hon. Juan Miguel Macapagal Arroyo, Hon. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles, Hon. Angelica Natasha Co, Hon. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte, Hon. Alfred C. Delos Santos, Hon. Loren Legarda, Hon. Strike B. Revilla, Hon. Florida "Rida" P. Robes, Hon. Sandra Y., M.D. Eriguel, Hon. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma, Hon. Rosanna "Ria" V. Vergara, Hon. Jose Enrique "Joet" S. Garcia III, Hon. Ma. Lourdes T. Arroyo, Hon. Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano, Hon. Evelina G. Escudero, Hon. Rose Marie "Baby" J. Arenas, Hon. Manuel T. Sagarbarria, Hon. Alfred D. Vargas, Hon. Rufus B. Rodriguez, Hon. Precious Hipolito Castelo, Hon. Anthony Peter "Onyx" D. Crisologo, Hon. Aloy Lim, Hon. Marlyn "Len" B. Alonte, Hon. Amihilda J. Sangcopan, Hon. Vilma Santos-Recto, Hon. Rowena Niña O. Taduran, Hon. John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PASSING OF MS. CARMEN "BABY" BARREDO

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2021, Ms. Carmen "Baby" Barredo, the Grand Dame of Philippine Theater and the Chairman-for-Life and Artistic Director Emeritus of *Repertory Philippines*,¹ passed away at the age of 80;

WHEREAS, the theater debut of Ms. Barredo can be traced back to her portrayal of the angel *Gabriel* for a school Christmas pageant at the tender age of five. She then took up her elementary and high school studies at the St. Scholastica's College.² Not long after, Ms. Barredo was placed under the tutelage of various

¹ <https://repertoryphilippines.ph/baby-barredo/>

² Llamas, Cora (March 15, 2014). "Baby Barredo on Bibot Amador: 'It was a platonic relationship'". *Philippine Daily Inquirer*. Retrieved May 24, 2021.

mentors to learn the different aspects of drama. These mentors included Fides Asencio and Ines Zialcita for voice, Lucrecia Kasilag for music, and Daisy Avellana for drama. Ms. Barredo attended the University of Indiana in the United States where she studied voice, and she later attended the American Conservatory of Dramatic Arts in New York to complete her studies in drama³;

WHEREAS, in 1967, upon returning to the Philippines, Ms. Barredo co-founded the *Repertory Philippines* with her fellow theater stalwarts, including long-time friend, Zeneida Amador. *Repertory Philippines* would emerge as one of the foremost training grounds for Filipino artists who would later excel in the field of theater, both locally and internationally;⁴

WHEREAS, as an actor for *Repertory Philippines*, Ms. Barredo played various prominent roles such as *Violet Weston* in “August Osage County,” *Maria* in “The Sound of Music,” *Evita Peron* in “Evita,” *Anna* in “The King & I,” and *Maria Callas* in “Master Class, Mme,” *Thenardier* in “Les Misérables,” and *Bloody Mary* in “South Pacific,” just to name a few;

WHEREAS, Ms. Barredo also served as stage director, musical director, and costume designer for various *Repertory Philippines* productions,⁵ showcasing to audiences her well-rounded prowess in the theatrical arts;

WHEREAS, under Ms. Barredo’s watch, *Repertory Philippines* produced many talented figures in the theatrical arts, all of whom would become prominent names in the field, including the likes of Lea Salonga, Pinky Amador, Maya Barredo, Jonjon Briones, Audie Gemora, Michael Williams, Menchu Lauchengco-Yulo, Karla Gutierrez, Bart Guingona, Junix Inocian, Cocoy Laurel, Raymond Lauchengco, Rem Zamora, Liesl Batucan, Joel Trinidad, Robbie Guevara, Gia Macuja, Red Concepcion, Monique Wilson, Ana Abad-Santos, Mio Infante, Loy Martinez, and Jaime del Mundo;

WHEREAS, throughout her lifetime, Ms. Barredo received the most prominent dramatic and theatrical awards from award-giving bodies in the Philippines, including the *Gawad Parangal sa mga Tampok na Yaman ng Teatro Pilipino* from the International University Theater Association or IUTA⁶ and the *Philstage Gawad Buhay Lifetime Achievement Award*;

WHEREAS, for over five decades, Ms. Barredo served as one of the most recognizable vanguards of Philippine Theater, leading an illustrious theatrical

³ Dumauual, Mario (May 23, 2021). "Theater icon Baby Barredo passes on at 80". ABS-CBN News. Retrieved May 24, 2021.

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ Cruz, Jasmine Agnes (March 20, 2015). "Baby Barredo: Maria, Evita, and a pot-smoking grandma". Business World. Retrieved May 24, 2021.

⁶ "2011 Living Legend of PHL Theater Awardees". National Commission for Culture and the Arts. July 29, 2011. Retrieved May 24, 2021.

career that spanned a gamut of generations and genres, whether musicals, straight plays, or classics;⁷


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the undersigned members of the House of Representatives, express our profound sympathy and sincere condolences to the family of Ms. Carmen “Baby” Barredo, a true professional in the performing arts, known for her unrelenting passion and discipline, artistic excellence, boldness, and abounding love for the arts, who in the process has touched the hearts of artists and audience alike whose love and passion for theater she has powerfully and indelibly set alight;

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be transmitted to the bereaved family of the late Ms. Carmen “Baby” Barredo.

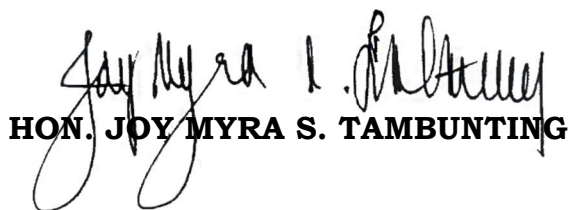
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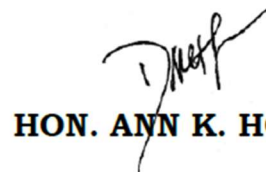

**HON. LORD ALLAN JAY Q.
VELASCO**


**HON. CHRISTOPHER V.P. DE
VENECIA**


**HON. FRANCISCO “KIKO” B.
BENITEZ**


HON. EDWARD VERA PEREZ MACEDA


HON. JOY MYRA S. TAMBUNTING


HON. ANN K. HOFER

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HON. JUAN MIGEUL MACAPAGAL
ARROYO



HON. JERICHO JONAS B.
NOGRALES



HON. ANGELICA NATASHA CO



HON. JOSE CHRISTOPHER Y.
BELMONTE



HON. ALFRED C. DELOS SANTOS



HON. LOREN LEGARDA



HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA



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HON. ROSANNA "RIA" V. VERGARA



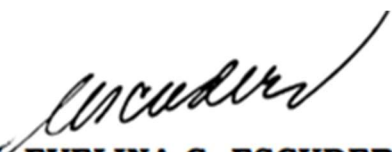
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B. SAVELLANO



HON. EVELINA G. ESCUDERO



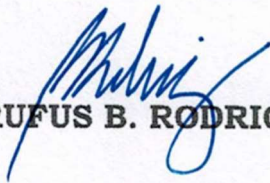
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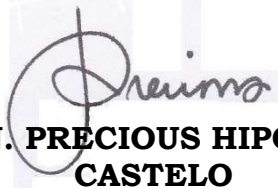
HON. MANUEL T. SAGARBARRIA



HON. ALFRED D. VARGAS



HON. RUFUS B. RODRIGUEZ



**HON. PRECIOUS HIPOLITO
CASTELO**



**HON. ANTHONY PETER "ONYX" D.
CRISOLOGO**



HON. ALOY LIM



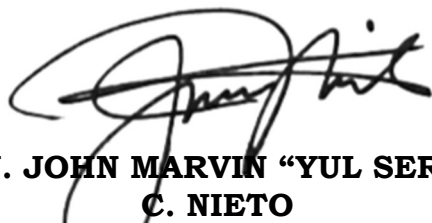
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HON. ROWENA NIÑA O. TADURAN



**HON. JOHN MARVIN "YUL SERVO"
C. NIETO**