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Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE ERIC L. OLIVAREZ

**A RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE
CONDOLENCES OF HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT BENIGNO
SIMEON “NOYNOY” COJUANGCO AQUINO III**

WHEREAS, Former President Benigno Simeon “Noynoy” Aquino III, dearly known to many as PNoy, passed away on June 24, 2021 at the age of sixty-one (61);

WHEREAS, in 1998, he ran for a seat in the House of Representatives and won. He served as Representative of the Second District of the Province of Tarlac until 2007. In his nine (9) years in the House of Representatives, President Noynoy focused on the fiscalizing role of a legislator. He felt that there were already too many good laws but they seemingly lacked the proper implementation by the Executive Department. He concentrated on crafting laws that would help create opportunities rather than impose additional burdens to those who are already disadvantaged. He actively took part in every budget deliberations during his tenure to ensure that government initiatives properly addressed the plight of the people who need help the most;

WHEREAS, in May 2007, he ran for Senator and won placing sixth in the national elections. He chaired the Senate Committee on Local Government, and was also the vice-chairperson of the Committee on Justice and Human Rights. He had been determined to ensure that his key legislative initiatives would bear fruit and to see them through until the end of his term in 2010;

WHEREAS, President Noynoy, the only son of the late democracy icons, Senator Benigno Aquino, Jr. and former President Corazon C. Aquino, served as the fifteenth president of the Republic of the Philippines from 2010 to 2016 following the death of his mother in August of 2009;

WHEREAS, President Nonoy Aquino lambasted in his Inaugural Address the unmitigated use of sirens by high ranking officials and, thus, adopted during his administration the “No Wang-Wang Policy” or the unlawful use of sirens by politicians on the road to bypass traffic;

WHEREAS, PNoy strengthened the agricultural sector. One of the major strategies identified towards the attainment of this objective is to make credit more accessible to small farmers and fisherfolks to help in the improvement of their productivity and, thereby, the improvement of their household incomes as well;

WHEREAS, PNoy signed the Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013, institutionalizing the K to 12 Basic Education Program which covers one (1) year of kindergarten and twelve (12) years of basic education – i.e. six (6) years of primary education, four (4) years of junior high school, and two (2) years of senior high school;

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2013, PNoy signed Republic Act 10606 otherwise known as *An Act Amending the National Health Insurance Act of 1995* which mandates the comprehensive health care services to all Filipinos through a socialized health insurance program that will prioritize the health care needs of the underprivileged;

WHEREAS, Pres. Benigno Aquino III closely heeded the plight of local domestic workers or *kasambahay* because he knew all along the vulnerabilities of this particular sector of the Philippine society. Hence, during his incumbency, the Philippines ratified International Labor Office (ILO) Convention 189 or the Domestic Workers Convention of 2011 to promote the welfare and social protection of the *kasambahays*;

WHEREAS, President Noynoy signed into law the creation of a committee that will monitor the delivery of financial services to low-income households in the Philippines. He signed Executive Order No. 208 on June 2, 2016 to establish and institutionalize the Financial Inclusion Steering Committee (FISC) for this purpose;

WHEREAS, President Benigno Aquino III spearheaded the fight against graft and corruption in the government as he executed and delivered his campaign slogan *Daang Matuwid* which upholds a culture of integrity, accountability, and transparency in every facet of the government;

WHEREAS, under PNoy's administration, the government adopted a two-pronged approach in revitalizing the struggling Philippine economy and in providing more opportunities for the greater number of the Filipino people. He demanded honesty in public service and soundly managed the nation's coffers by ensuring its prudent disbursement for the benefit of the Filipinos;

WHEREAS, former President Benigno Simeon C. Aquino III was survived by his sisters namely : Maria Elena (Ballsy), Aurora Corazon (Pinky), Victoria Elisa (Viel), and Kristina Bernadette (Kris);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, to express its deepest sympathies and condolences on the demise of former President Benigno Simeon "NoyNoy" C. Aquino III.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of the deceased.

ADOPTED.


ERIC L. OLIVAREZ