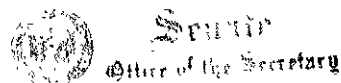


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**RESOLUTION
HONORING THE MEMORY OF SENATOR JOKER P. ARROYO
AND EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE
CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE ON HIS PASSING**

WHEREAS, Joker P. Arroyo was a former legislator who served the Filipino people as a Representative of the first district of Makati City for three consecutive terms from 1992 to 1998 and as a Senator for two consecutive terms from 2001 to 2013;

WHEREAS, the former legislator passed away at the age of 88;

WHEREAS, he was an illustrious human rights lawyer and freedom fighter who fought for the restoration of democracy in the country during the Marcos era;

WHEREAS, most notably, he challenged before the Supreme Court of the Philippines the constitutionality of Proclamation No. 1081 imposing martial law, the ratification of the Marcos dictated 1973 Constitution, Amendment 6 that empowered President Marcos to exercise law making powers alongside the Batasang Pambansa, and the power of military tribunals to try civilians, as well as helped defend political detainees¹;

WHEREAS, as a Representative, he remained an independent throughout his term, he never traveled abroad on government money and was known to have a perfect attendance record for nine years from the time he was elected up to the end of his term²;

WHEREAS, as a Senator, he chaired the Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations (Blue Ribbon), Committee on Public Services and the Committee on Justice and Human Rights³;

WHEREAS, he received various awards and commendations for his significant contributions to the legal profession and public service. He was consistently voted by media as Outstanding Congressman of the Year; the Philippine Bar Association awarded him the Most Distinguished Award for Justice as a "man beholden to no one except to his country"; and

¹ Senate of the Philippines website, https://www.senate.gov.ph/senators/sen_bio/arroyo_bio.asp.

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

Senate Resolution No. 100 was enacted during the 8th Congress commending him for his invaluable services to the Filipino people⁴;

WHEREAS, Senator Joker P. Arroyo's commitment and dedication to public service serves as an inspiration to many public servants and he will surely be remembered in the hearts of the Filipino people;

BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Senate to honor the memory of Senator Joker P. Arroyo and to express the profound sympathy and sincere condolences of the Senate on his passing.

Adopted,



MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY

⁴ Ibid.