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Introduced by Senator SONNY ANGARA

RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LATE NAPOLEON ABUEVA, NATIONAL ARTIST OF THE PHILIPPINES, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING AND HISTORIC LEGACY EXHIBITED BY HIS MASTERPIECES THAT SHOWCASE FILIPINO EXCELLENCE AND INGENUITY

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines has, in several occasions, paid tribute to outstanding and exemplary Filipinos;

WHEREAS, on the 16th of February 2018, Napoleon Veloso Abueva passed on at the age of 88, leaving an artistic legacy that is a source of pride and inspiration for every Filipino;

WHEREAS, Abueva, born in 1930 in Tagbilaran, Bohol and an esteemed alumnus of the University of the Philippines (U.P.) College of Fine Arts, has produced several hundreds of renowned artistic creations in a span of 60 years that heralded modern Philippine Sculpture, and has been properly conferred, among other awards and citations, the National Artist for Sculpture in 1976 at the age of 46 — the youngest awardee for the prestigious distinction;

WHEREAS, being considered as the Father of Modern Philippine Sculpture, the works of Abueva are installed in various locations throughout the country, such as the Tribute to Higher Education and the Nine Muses of the Arts in U.P. Diliman, the Blood Compact Monument in Bohol, the marble murals at the National Heroes Shrine in Mt. Samat, Bataan, and around the world, such as The Sculpture at United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA;

WHEREAS, the masterpieces of Abueva are distinctly characterized by their modernist style through the skillful combination of local wood and modern materials, namely molave, acacia, adobe, brass, concrete, marble, among others, which highlights the National Artist's artistic brilliance and sense of nationalism;

WHEREAS, beyond his unparalleled contribution to Philippine art, Napoleon Abueva espoused that art should be made accessible to everyone and supported that basic education should be partnered with an education in culture, therefore launching an endeavor to advance and promote Philippine culture to the youth and masses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Senate of the Philippines, to honor the late Napoleon Abueva, National Artist of the Philippines, for his outstanding and historic legacy exhibited by his masterpieces that showcase Filipino excellence and ingenuity.

Adopted,



SONNY ANGARA