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## SENATE

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## INTRODUCED BY SENATOR ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO AND SENATOR PIA S. CAYETANO

## RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF FORMER PRESIDENT FIDEL V. RAMOS, AND HONORING HIM FOR HIS STERLING RECORD AS, AND DEDICATING HIS LIFE

WHEREAS, former President Fidel V. Ramos passed away on 31 July 2022 at the age of 94;

TO, PUBLIC SERVICE

WHEREAS, President Ramos' background and legacy of public service remain peerless: he was an honor graduate at the United States Military Academy at West Point, veteran of the Korea and Vietnam Wars, Presidential Assistant on Military Affairs, Vice Chief of Staff and later Acting Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine Constabulary - Integrated National Police Chief, EDSA 1 icon, AFP Chief, Secretary of the Department of National Defense, 12<sup>th</sup> President of the Republic of the Philippines, peace and leadership advocate. statesman;

WHEREAS, as President from 1992 to 1998 he introduced a Social Reform Agenda to address long-standing issues on health, education, housing, agrarian reform, and poverty, among others;

WHEREAS, throughout a lifetime of military and public service that did not end after he stepped down from public office, President Ramos has demonstrated devotion to duty and country, and peerless leadership;

**WHEREAS**, President Ramos advocated for and was instrumental in the deregulation of key industries, the liberalization of the economy, the privatization of public entities, and the encouraging of foreign investments;

WHEREAS, his administration embarked on an ambitious development plan dubbed the "Philippines 2000", which opened up the economy, encouraged private enterprise, invited foreign and domestic investment, and reduced widespread corruption. During his term, the government overhauled its tax system, included the modernization of public infrastructure through an expanded Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) law, and reorganized the country's electric sector;

WHEREAS, President Ramos was a consensus-builder, leading the government's efforts to have a peace agreement with the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF). He, together with MNLF Chairman Nur Misuari, won for the Philippines the 1997 UNESCO Peace Prize. President Ramos also ordered the resumption of peace negotiations with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and the Communist Party of the Philippines-National Democratic Front;

WHEREAS, during his term, the "Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995" (Republic Act No. 8042) was enacted into law, providing a framework for stronger protection of Filipino workers abroad through the creation of the Legal Assistance Fund and the Assistance-to-Nationals Fund, among others;

**WHEREAS**, he established the Philippine Council for Sustainable Development to integrate sustainable development parameters in the country's development efforts, to ensure that the country's economic agenda are not pursued at the expense of the environment;

**WHEREAS**, President Ramos will always be remembered by his fellow Filipinos, whom he served steadfastly and tirelessly for most of his life, for raising his right hand with a thumb's up sign and then saying *"kaya natin ito,"* to rally the Filipino people to overcome any obstacle;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Senate of the Philippines to express its profound sympathy and sincere condolences on the death of former President Fidel V. Ramos, and to honor him for his sterling record as, and dedicating his life to, public service.

**RESOLVED** FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of the late President Ramos.

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