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**RESOLUTION**  
**HONORING THE SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE LATE MAJOR**  
**GENERAL JOSE V. BALAJADIA, JR, AFP (RETIRED), SERGEANT-AT-ARMS,**  
**SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**WHEREAS**, the Senate of the Philippines performs its duty for the Filipino people through the untiring service of men and women, civil servants, who dedicated their lives for a lifetime of service for the Filipino;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Senate recognizes outstanding Senate employees who rendered valuable service to the Senate with outmost loyalty, professionalism, integrity and competence;

**WHEREAS**, Major General Jose V. Balajadia, Jr, AFP (Retired) is a man of such caliber. He served as the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate of the Philippines for seventeen (17) years from 2002-2019;

**WHEREAS**, Major General Jose V. Balajadia, Jr, AFP (Retired), as Senate Sergeant-at-Arms, was instrumental in keeping discipline, security and enforcing the law at the Senate, in all of its affairs including celebrated committee hearings notably in the Blue Ribbon Committee and several controversial political events involving the Philippine Senate;

**WHEREAS**, Major General Jose V. Balajadia, Jr, AFP (Retired) prior to his service with the Philippine Senate, spent his younger years as an officer and a pilot of the Philippine Air Force, with thirty-eight (38) years of decorated service;

**WHEREAS**, Major General Jose V. Balajadia, Jr, AFP (Retired) rose from the ranks in the military as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in 1964 (reserved) to Major General under GO#1262GHQAFP on 28 September 1998;

**WHEREAS**, throughout his career, Major General Balajadia performed key roles as follows: (1) from 1976-1978, he was the Squadron Commander of the 6<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Squadron of the Philippine Airforce; (2) in 1977, he was team leader of the highly esteemed Blue Diamond Philippine Airforce Aerobatic Group; (3) in 1994, he became the Deputy Commander of the Armed Forces of the Philippines Southern Command in Zamboanga; (4) he became an Executive Officer of the Clark Airbase

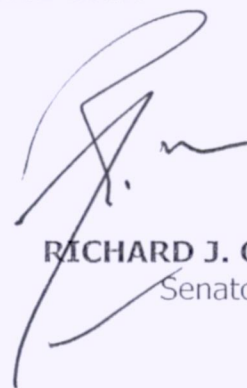
Command, when Clark Airbase was still under the US Air Force; (5) in 1991, he became the Officer-in-Charge of Rescue and Relief Operations at Clark Air Base during the Mt. Pinatubo eruption; (6) in 1990, he became the Commanding Officer of the airlift operations at Loakan Airport during the 1990 Baguio Earthquake; (7) from 1995-1998, he became the Wing Commander of the 600th Air Base Wing in Clark and concurrent Commander of Air Reserve Command; and from 1998-1999, he became the Deputy Chief of Staff for Reservist and Retiree Affairs;

**WHEREAS**, Major General Jose V. Balajadia, Jr, AFP (Retired) is a bemedaled and decorated military officer receiving several awards as follows: (1) **Silver Wing Medal twice** (GO#39HPAF and GO#39HSC); (2) **Distinguished Service Star** (GO#420, GHQAFP) in 1993; (3) **Gawad sa Kaunlaran twice** (Award in Development, GO#314GHQAFP and GO#131HSC) in April 1991 and February 1995 by the Armed Forces of the Philippines; (4) **Bronze Cross Medal thrice** (GO#52HIAD, GO#82HSC and GO#118HSC) on June 1994 and February 1995; (5) **Military Merit Medal (MMM) 7 times**; (6) **Military Commendation Medal (MCM) twice**; (7) **Military Civic Action Medal (MCAM) 4 times** from 1973 to 1993; (8) Kahusayan Award (GO#17HPAF) in 14 August 1970; (9) Mutual Defense Award (CG, PAF) in 30 September 1986; (10) Award of the February 1986 Revolution Ribbon (GO#219GHQAFP) in 14 October 1988 and Award of the AFP Combat Badge (Kagitingan; GO#42CNLC) in 25 February 1993;

**WHEREAS**, on 7 July 2019, around 2:00 am, at 75 years old Major General Balajadia joined the Lord, leaving behind him a legacy of fifty-five (55) years of solid service with the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Senate of the Philippines;

**NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Senate to honor the late **MAJOR GENERAL JOSE V. BALAJADIA, JR, AFP (RETIRED)** for his great service, achievements and contributions to the Senate and to the Filipino people as a soldier and civil servant par excellence who served as the Senate Sergeant-of-Arms for seventeen (17) years from 2002-2019.

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**RICHARD J. GORDON**  
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