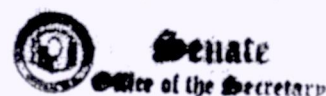


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RESOLUTION

**EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCE
OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF FORMER
SENATOR RENE G. ESPINA**

WHEREAS, the Honorable Rene G. Espina, a distinguished public servant who had served his country in various capacities - Senator, Governor of Cebu, Secretary of Public Works, Transportation and Communications, Administrator of the Social Security System (SSS), television host and newscaster, and newspaper columnist - passed away on September 13, 2019;

WHEREAS, a youth leader, scholar and among the toppers in the 1954 Bar Examinations (9th place with a grade of 93.2%), he served the government with utmost dedication and commitment, always in search of excellence to uplift and improve the life of the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, the youngest to be appointed Administrator and Vice-Chairman of the SSS, he introduced the first computer system in government and worked doubly hard to ensure the viability and financial independence of the institution from government subsidy through increased income and membership coverage;

WHEREAS, as governor of Cebu (1963-1967 and 1967-1969), he focused on programs and projects that would improve infrastructure in the province, beautify and improve the barangays, and develop healthy water system in the locality, and was instrumental in the successful recovery of several province-owned real properties illegally donated by unauthorized officers;

WHEREAS, for his outstanding performance and accomplishments as chief local executive of Cebu province, he was awarded the Most Outstanding Governor of the Philippines in 1968 and 1969;

WHEREAS, under his watch as Secretary of Public Works, Transportation and Communications, the construction of a bridge that would connect Mactan Island and Mandaue City was conceptualized in 1970 and finished on July 4, 1973, for which he was fondly called as the Builder/Father of Mactan-Mandaue Bridge, presently known as the Sergio Osmeña Bridge;

WHEREAS, in 1969, he was elected Senator, served as Chairman of the Committee on Health and Rural Development, and was instrumental in the enactment of R. A. 6425, otherwise known as the "Dangerous Drugs Act of 1972" and the law establishing the Philippine Export and Foreign Loan Guarantee Corporation, and for his exemplary performance as a Senator, he was voted as one of the "Most Outstanding Senators";

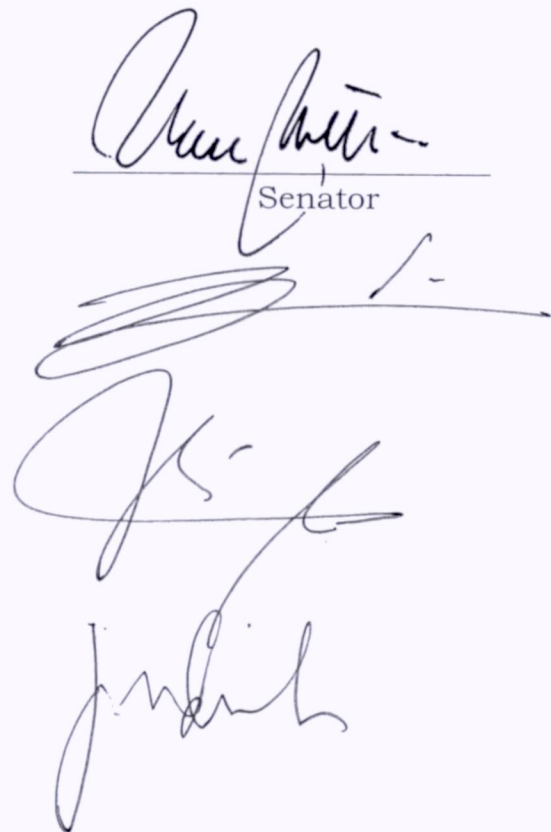
WHEREAS, a serious-minded person with uncompromising attitude and always mindful of the rule of law, he was actively involved not only in public service, but also in civic work, thus, he was conferred the Golden Rooster Award for his outstanding social work and various special awards for civic work;

WHEREAS, his passing away is a great loss not only to his bereaved family but to the nation as well: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, To express, as it hereby expresses, its profound sympathy and sincere condolence on the death of former Senator Rene G. Espina.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the bereaved family of the Honorable Rene G. Espina.

Adopted,



Three handwritten signatures are present, each followed by a horizontal line. The top signature is the most legible and is followed by the printed word "Senator". The middle and bottom signatures are more stylized and less legible.