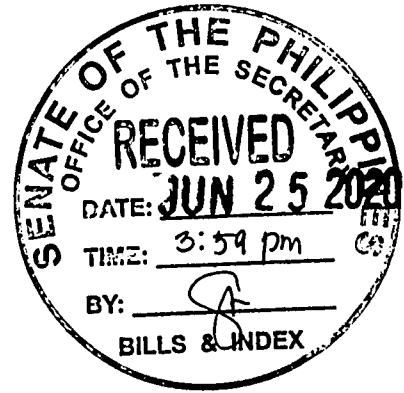


EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE)
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
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SENATE

P. S. RES. NO. 458

Introduced by SENATOR VICENTE C. SOTTO III

RESOLUTION

**EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE
CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH
OF EDUARDO "DANDING" MURPHY COJUANGCO, JR.**

WHEREAS, Eduardo "Danding" Murphy Cojuangco, Jr., astute businessman, former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of San Miguel Corporation, philanthropist, banker, sports patron, former Philippine Ambassador, former Governor of Tarlac, and Former Representative of the 1st District of Tarlac, passed away on 16 July 2020, at the age of 85;

WHEREAS, born in the Municipality of Paniqui, Province of Tarlac on 10 June 1935, he studied at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania, USA and De La Salle University;

WHEREAS, he briefly served as an elected official of the Province of Tarlac under the Nacionalista Party banner, first, as Governor of Tarlac (1967-1969) and then as Representative of the 1st District of Tarlac (1969-1972);

WHEREAS, as Chairman of the San Miguel Corporation, he built and broadened the company's base by buying the local Coca-Cola franchise, Australia-based National Foods and other businesses, and by investing in other businesses such as energy, infrastructure and oil, thus transforming the corporation into a giant business conglomerate in the Philippines and Southeast Asia;

WHEREAS, for his great management skills in leading different corporations such as San Miguel Corporation, Ginebra San Miguel Inc., San Miguel Food and Beverage, Inc., Petron Corporation, ECJ & Sons Agricultural

Enterprises Inc., and Northern Cement Corporation, he became known in the business sector as "The Best Industrialist in the Philippines";

WHEREAS, in 1992, he founded the political party Nationalist People's Coalition (NPC) under which he ran in the presidential race in the same year where he placed third behind eventual winner Fidel Ramos and runner-up Miriam Defensor-Santiago;

WHEREAS, a sports advocate in the country since 1980's, he supported the Philippine National Basketball Team which won the gold in the 1981 and 1985 Southeast Asian Games, the 1982 Asian Basketball Confederation (ABC) Juniors Championship and the 1985 ABC Championship, and the Philippine National Equestrian Team which won medals in the 2002 Busan Asian Games;

WHEREAS, in 2010, he launched Project FREE (Flagships to Reach Educational Excellence) through the Eduardo Cojuangco Foundation (ECF) to enable qualified scholar-teachers to obtain their master and doctoral degrees in education to enable them to upgrade their credentials and enhance their knowledge skills;

WHEREAS, a staunch believer that education is the best way to alleviate poverty, he conceived the idea of empowering Tarlac's out-of-school and unemployed population as a concrete way of building a productive work force in his home province and bringing hope to the marginalized sector for a better future;

WHEREAS, in 2015, as a follow-up program to ECF's Project FREE initiative, it embarked in an unprecedented educational drive called Project HOPE, in partnership with the Department of Education, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Department of Labor and Employment, La Salle Greenhills and the provincial government of Tarlac, to provide technical-vocational skills training and job opportunities for 1,000 out-of-school 18 to 30 year-olds;

WHEREAS, the untimely demise of "a man for all seasons", who have touched the lives of millions of Filipinos all over the country through his philanthropic deeds and love of sports, is a great loss to his family and the country as well: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, To express, as it hereby expresses, its profound sympathy and sincere condolences on the death of Eduardo "Danding" Murphy Cojuangco, Jr.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of the late Eduardo "Danding" Murphy Cojuangco, Jr.

Adopted,


VICENTE C. SOTTO III