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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.

490

Introduced by Representatives Alan Peter "Compañero" S. Cayetano, Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez and Bienvenido M. Abante, Jr.

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE AQUILINO Q. PIMENTEL, JR., FORMER SENATE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, a fearless parliamentarian, champion of democracy and an accomplished statesman, Honorable Aquilino "Nene" Q. Pimentel, Jr. passed away on October 20, 2019 at the age of 85;

WHEREAS, as a true defender of freedom and human rights, Honorable Nene Pimentel helped the peasants and urban poor during the martial law era and tirelessly fought for freedom and electoral reforms;

WHEREAS, during the term of President Corazon C. Aquino, he served as the Minister of Local Government and Presidential Adviser and Chief Negotiator with the Muslim rebels;

WHEREAS, after his term as Senate President, Honorable Nene Pimentel, also held various positions in the Senate such as Senate Majority Leader, Senate Minority Leader, and Chairperson of the Blue Ribbon Committee and Committee on Local Government;

WHEREAS, Honorable Nene Pimentel was the principal author and sponsor of key legislations such as Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991," Republic Act No. 6938, otherwise known as the "Cooperative Code of the Philippines," Republic Act No. 6678, otherwise known as the "Generics Act of 1988," Republic Act No. 6975, otherwise known as the "Department"

of the Interior and Local Government of 1990," Republic Act No. 7076, otherwise known as the "People's Small-Scale Mining Act of 1991," and Republic Act No. 6734, entitled "An Act Providing for an Organic Act for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao," a precursor of Republic Act No. 11054, otherwise known as the "Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao;"

WHEREAS, Honorable Nene Pimentel was recognized as the "Father of the Local Government Code," being the principal author of the "Local Government Code," a landmark law that introduced reforms in local governance and promoted local autonomy;

WHEREAS, Honorable Nene Pimentel was also one of the original proponents and advocates of federalism and firmly believed that federalism is necessary to efficiently address our country's problems and truly empower the local governments;

WHEREAS, the demise of this distinguished lawmaker and outstanding public servant is a great loss not only to his family, friends, fellow Minadanaoans, but to the country as a whole; he will be remembered for his unselfish and dedicated service to our country and for his accomplishments in achieving true reforms for the betterment of all Filipinos: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To express the profound condolences of the House of Representatives to the family of Honorable Aquilino "Nene" Pimentel, Jr., former Senate President of the Philippines.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That a copy of this Resolution be given to the bereaved family of the deceased.

Adopted,

ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO

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