Republic of the Philippines HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Quezon City

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 480



Introduced by HON. JOY MYRA S. TAMBUNTING

A RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PHILIPPINES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF FORMER SENATE PRESIDENT AQUILINO "NENE" PIMENTEL JR.

Whereas, the Honorable Aquilino "Nene" Pimentel Jr. was born on December 11, 1933 in Claveria, Misamis Oriental;

Whereas, He earned his bachelor of laws at Ateneo de Cagayan (now Xavier University) in 1959 and passed the bar the same year;

Whereas, Senator Nene Pimentel was known to many as a brilliant and principled lawyer, a respected statesman and a stalwart of democracy due to his courageous battle against dictatorship under the Marcos Regime;

Whereas, He was elected as a delegate to the 1971 Constitutional Convention, wherein he vocally opposed the Marcos-scripted Constitution and protested certain anti-people provisions of the said Constitution;

Whereas, Senator Nene Pimentel, in his years of service in the Senate, has contributed significant legislative output through authorship and co-authorship, namely: the Cooperative Code, the Generic Drugs Act, The Philippine Sports Commission Act, An Act Creating the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, An Act Establishing the Philippine National Police under a reorganized Department of the Interior and Local Government and The People's Small-Scale Mining Act;

Whereas, Senator Nene Pimentel was also known as the "Father of the Local Government Code" who authored a proposal for federalism as the Philippines' form of government, in support of greater local autonomy and empowering the people;

Whereas, Senator Nene Pimentel was also known for his drive against injustice, fraud, and corruption;

Whereas, In his stint as the Blue Ribbon Committee Chair, he has recommended the prosecution of top government officials of previous administrations in relation to the misuse of the funds of the Retirement and Separation Benefits Systems of the Armed Forces. He has also recommended the prosecution of personnel of the Land Registration Administration involved in faking of land title;

Whereas, Senator Pimentel as a public official, served with utmost integrity, an honesty until his retirement from politics in 2010;

Whereas, the Honorable Aquilino "Nene" Pimentel Jr. passed away on October 20, 2019 at the age of 85;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, the House of Representatives expresses its deepest sympathies and profound condolences to the family of the late Senator Aquilino "Nene" Pimentel Jr.;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of the deceased.

Adopted,

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