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## RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE AUGUSTO "BOBOY" SYJUCO, FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF ILOILO DURING THE ELEVENTH, TWELFTH AND FIFTEENTH CONGRESSES

**WHEREAS**, Honorable Augusto "Boboy" Syjuco passed away last January 13, 2020 at the age of 77;

WHEREAS, "Boboy," as fondly called by family and friends, was survived by his wife, former Representative of the Second Legislative District of Iloilo, Judy Rose Jalbuena-Syjuco, and his six children, namely: Augusto Jaime, Maria Aurora Carissa, Martin Augusto, Maria Victoria Cynthia, Miguel Augusto, and Juan Augusto;

WHEREAS, former Representative Syjuco completed his grade school education from the Ateneo de Manila University and secondary education from the Gold Star Cadet, Peekskill Military Academy in New York; earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree, *cum laude*, from the University of the East; pursued his Master of Business Administration degree at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA; and held doctorate degrees in public service, industrial technology, and organizational development from the Lyceum-Northwestern University, Eulogio Amang Rodriguez Institute of Science and Technology, and Southeast Asia Interdisciplinary Development Institute, respectively;

WHEREAS, as a businessman, former Representative Syjuco founded and chaired a number of business enterprises, namely, the A & J Realty Corporation in 1995; Pacific Dairy Queen, Inc. in the Philippines and Hong Kong in 1990; Cebu Food and Beverage Resources Inc. and Iloilo Food and Beverage Resources Inc., in 1989; Negros Food and Beverage Resources Inc., Asia Plastiko Inc., Unlad Makati Foundation and Move Makati, in 1986; he was also a director and co-founder of Solar Realty Corporation, in 1979;

WHEREAS, during his stint as Representative of the Second District of Iloilo, Honorable Syjuco was elected Deputy Minority Leader and co-authored significant legislations including Republic Act No. 9189, otherwise known as the "Overseas Absentee Voting Act of 2003," which provided for a system of honest and orderly overseas absentee voting; Republic Act No. 9225, otherwise known as the "Philippine Citizenship Retention and Reacquisition Act of 2003;" Republic Act No. 10156, entitled, "An Act Conferring Upon Members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod and Sangguniang Panlalawigan, the Appropriate Civil Service Eligibility Under Certain Circumstances, and for Other Purposes;" Republic Act No. 10154, entitled "An Act Requiring All Concerned Government Agencies to Ensure the Early Release of the Retirement Pay, Pensions, Gratuities, and Other Benefits of Retiring Government Employees;" and Republic Act No. 10152, otherwise known as the "Mandatory Infants and Children Health Immunization Act of 2011;"

WHEREAS, as part of his significant public service, Honorable Syjuco was elected vice-president of the 1971 Constitutional Convention; on July 3, 1996, he was appointed by President Fidel V. Ramos as member of the board of directors of the Development Bank of the Philippines and as concurrent Chairperson of the Development Bank of the Philippines Management Corporation; and from 2004-2010, he served under the administration of then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo as Director General of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) where he awarded more than eight million scholarships to deserving students and introduced the ladderized education system;

WHEREAS, his writing and academic proficiency encouraged him to share his ideas through his publications namely: "Salabat for the Filipino Soul I: A Book on Filipino Virtues" and "Salabat for the Filipino Soul Book II: Career Guidance in Ladderized Education for Filipino Empowerment" in 2006; "The Warrior's Creed" in 2004; "The Ten Commandments of Honorable Politics" in 2003; and "So Wat," a newsletter circulated in the House of Representatives in 2002-2004;

WHEREAS, former Representative Augusto "Boboy" Syjuco will always be remembered as a man whose colorful career both in the public and private sectors was accomplished with passion and wisdom which his family and friends will always be proud of: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To express the profound condolences of the House of Representatives to the family of the Honorable Augusto "Boboy" Syjuco, former Representative of the Second Legislative District of Iloilo during the Eleventh, Twelfth and Fifteenth Congresses.

**RESOLVED, FURTHER**, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the bereaved family of the deceased.

Adopted,

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