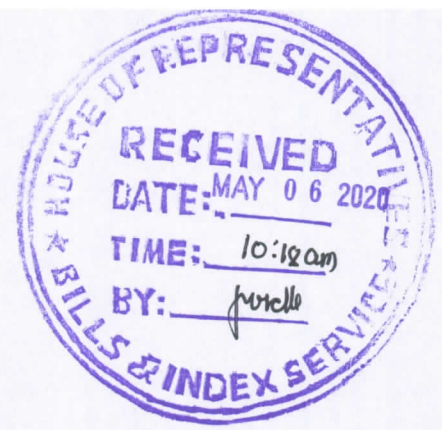




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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 830



Introduced by
REPRESENTATIVE LOREN B. LEGARDA

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF THE HONORABLE HEHERSON T. ALVAREZ, FORMER SENATOR AND FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FOURTH DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA

WHEREAS, former Senator Heherson "Sonny" Turingan Alvarez, a dedicated public servant and environment warrior, passed away on April 20, 2020 at the age of 80 years;

WHEREAS, former Senator Alvarez was born in Santiago, Isabela on October 26, 1939 and represented the province as one of the youngest delegates to the 1971 Constitutional Convention;

WHEREAS, he was a recipient of the Outstanding Alumnus award of the University of the Philippines and obtained a Master's Degree in Economics and Public Administration from Harvard University in the United States;

WHEREAS, he also served as cabinet member in two administrations, as the first Secretary of Agrarian Reform in 1987, and as Secretary of the Environment and Natural Resources in 2001;

WHEREAS, he served in the Senate during the Eighth Congress until the Tenth Congress, from 1987 to 1998, and later on in the House of Representatives as

congressman of the 4th District of Isabela during the 11th Congress, from 1998 to 2001;

WHEREAS, in 1995, he co-organized in Manila the first Asia Pacific Leaders Conference on Climate Change (ASPAC-LCCC), which produced the Manila Declaration which adopted the findings of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) that small, archipelagic island nations like the Philippines are most vulnerable to climate change;

WHEREAS, he authored major laws on environmental protection, including the Clean Air Act, National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act, Ecological Solid Waste Management Act, Northern Sierra Madre Protected Area Act, and the Strategic Environmental Plan for Palawan;

WHEREAS, he also authored the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law (CARL), Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) Law, the law creating the Department of Energy, and the law creating the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA);

WHEREAS, he also served as the first Commissioner and Vice Chairperson of the Climate Change Commission when it was established in 2009. During his term, he led the Philippine Delegation in the international climate change negotiations and spearheaded the formulation of the National Framework Strategy on Climate Change;

WHEREAS, he promoted the papal encyclical *Laudato si'* on care for the Earth as humanity's common home through interfaith dialogues across the country toward a shared understanding and aspiration on the prevailing climate emergency;

WHEREAS, he was a prominent figure in promoting human rights, a great defender of freedom, a staunch advocate for the environment, and a pioneer for climate change

action;

WHEREAS, his invaluable contribution to the country will always be remembered and cherished as it brought improvement to the lives of many Filipinos;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, to express its sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Honorable Heherson "Sonny" T. Alvarez, former Senator of the Republic of the Philippines and former Representative of the Fourth District of the Province of Isabela.

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

Adopted



LOREN LEGARDA