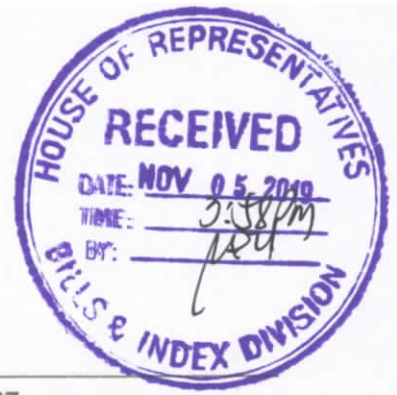


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez

House Res No. 487

A RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEMISE OF PATRIOT, STATESMAN, AND PILLAR OF DEMOCRACY, HON. AQUILINO "NENE" PIMENTEL JR

WHEREAS, last October 20, 2019, the Philippines lost one of its pillars of democracy and the Father of the Local Government Code, when former Senate president and PDP-Laban founder Aquilino Pimentel, Jr. passed away and joined his Creator at 5 am that day;

WHEREAS, Senator Nene Pimentel was a staunch critic of late dictator Ferdinand Marcos, and will be remembered as a freedom fighter who resisted martial law resulting in his being imprisoned several times for his unwavering belief in democracy, and will forever be known as a Pillar of Democracy;

WHEREAS, during the 1980 local elections, he ran and won as mayor of Cagayan de Oro City but was prevented from taking office by the Marcos-controlled Commission on Elections which led to his supporters taking the streets in what can be described as the first demonstration of "people power" and eventually forcing Marcos to reinstall him as mayor;

WHEREAS, he won a seat as Assemblyman for Cagayan de Oro in the Batasang Pambansa in 1984;

WHEREAS, he was elected Senator in 1987 and was the main author of the Local Government Code which provided for a system of decentralization with effective mechanisms of recall, initiative, and referendum, allocate among the different local government units their powers, responsibilities, and resources, and provide for the qualifications, election, appointment and removal, term, salaries, powers and functions and duties of local officials, and all other matters relating to the organization and operation of the local units";

WHEREAS, he was again elected Senator in 1998 and in 2004 during which time, he was elected Senate President in 2000, becoming the first Mindanaonon to occupy the said position;

WHEREAS, as Senator, he served with utmost dedication and integrity, and his track record will show that he was a very principled and honest public servant;

WHEREAS, Senator Nene Pimentel was a staunch proponent of federalism in the Philippines proposing for the creation of 5 states in Luzon (North Luzon, Cordillera, Central Luzon, Southern Tagalog, and Bicol), 1 federal capital (Metro Manila), 4 states in Visayas (East Visayas, Central Visayas, Western Visayas, and Minparom), and 3 states in Mindanao (Bangsamoro, Southern Mindanao, and Northern Mindanao);


WHEREAS, he was a strong believer of devolution of powers and strong local governance in order to develop, improve and modernize the countryside;

WHEREAS, Senator Nene Pimentel was a great statesman of our country, a true Mindanaonon and we in Cagayan de Oro City are truly proud of our native son.

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives of the Philippines express its profound condolences on the demise of patriot, statesman, and pillar of democracy, Hon. Aquilino "Nene" Pimentel, Jr.;

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

Adopted,


RUFUS B. RODRIGUEZ