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Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-second day of July, two thousand nineteen.

RESOLUTION NO. 60

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND  
CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF THE  
HONORABLE ELEANOR VILLANUEVA-TUGNA,  
MAYOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BOCAUE,  
PROVINCE OF BULACAN; DAUGHTER OF  
THE HONORABLE EDUARDO "BRO. EDDIE" C.  
VILLANUEVA, DEPUTY SPEAKER AND  
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CIBAC PARTY-LIST;  
SISTER OF SENATOR EMMANUEL JOEL J.  
VILLANUEVA; AND SPOUSE OF THE HONORABLE  
SHERWIN N. TUGNA, FORMER REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE CIBAC PARTY-LIST

WHEREAS, Mayor Eleanor Villanueva-Tugna passed away on May 28, 2020 at the age of forty-two (42);

WHEREAS, Mayor "Joni", as she was fondly called by her family, friends and constituents, was the loving spouse of former Representative Sherwin N. Tugna and devoted mother to their children, Eleana Doreen, Joaquin Eduardo, Elia Grace and Lexi Joy. She was an affectionate daughter to her parents, Deputy Speaker Eduardo "Bro. Eddie" C. Villanueva and the late Mrs. Adoracion "Dory" Jose Villanueva, and a supportive sister to her siblings: former Mayor Eduardo Villanueva Jr., Senator Joel Villanueva and Adelisha Villanueva-Binalla;

WHEREAS, Mayor Joni Villanueva-Tugna finished high school at the University of Santo Tomas in 1994; graduated with a Bachelor of Arts major in Broadcast Communications (*cum laude*) at the University of the Philippines, Diliman in 1999; and earned her Master of Business Administration degree from the Ateneo de Manila Graduate School of Business;

WHEREAS, Mayor Joni's legacy of service started at a young age. Early on, she was already fully immersed in community service and was in charge of the Jesus is Lord (JIL) Fellowship Ministry's iCare Compassion Ministries, a nonprofit organization formed and operated for the purpose of helping the underprivileged and less fortunate;

WHEREAS, with her intelligence, vision, and compassionate nature, she was credited to be behind many breakthrough programs, systems, structures and infrastructure of the JIL Ministry;

WHEREAS, a dynamic and highly respected local chief executive, Mayor Joni was elected mayor of the Municipality of Bocaue, Province of Bulacan in 2016. During her stint as mayor, she launched many successful initiatives for the benefit of her constituents: established the first public hospital of Bocaue through her close coordination with the Department of Health; pushed for the revival of the biologically dead Bocaue River; led the officials and staff of Bocaue in achieving compliance with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO certification 9001:2015); launched the

historic Bocaue environmental program “Palit-Kalakal” which raised awareness on proper waste management; promoted the Bocaue culture through the tourism campaign “Bocaue River Town Wonders”; and established a satellite municipal office in a far-flung area in Barangay Batia to cater to the concerns of constituents who could not afford to go to Bocaue town proper;

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Mayor Joni, Bocaue registered unprecedented tax collections as well as the highest number of registered businesses in the town’s history due to business confidence and transparency of governance;

WHEREAS, aside from being elected as the local chief executive of Bocaue, Mayor Joni also held other important positions of leadership, which include: Vice President, League of Mayors of the Philippines-Bulacan Chapter; Trustee, Musikatha Ministries Foundation (2007-2020); President, Zoe Broadcasting Network, Inc. (2014-2016); Executive Director, iCare Compassion Ministries (2011-2016); Executive Director, Jesus is Lord Worldwide (2004-2016); and Executive Director, Zoe Broadcasting Network, Inc. (2000-2016);

WHEREAS, as a prime example of a servant leader, Mayor Joni continued to serve the Bocaueños despite a serious medical condition. She worked tirelessly to respond to the needs of her constituents during this very trying time of COVID-19 pandemic, and even joined in the repacking of vegetables purchased from Benguet farmers that were included in the relief goods distributed to the residents of Bocaue, Bulacan;

WHEREAS, Bocaue Mayor Eleanor “Joni” Villanueva-Tugna was a beloved and exemplary leader, pioneer, trailblazer, and a woman of vision, action, and compassion, and her memory will forever remain in the hearts and minds of her husband, children, parent, siblings, relatives, friends, and her dear constituents in Bocaue, Bulacan whom she served up until the last days of her life: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives, To express its profound condolences to the family of the Honorable Eleanor "Joni" Villanueva-Tugna, Mayor of the Municipality of Bocaue, Province of Bulacan; daughter of the Honorable Eduardo "Bro. Eddie" C. Villanueva, Deputy Speaker and Representative of the CIBAC Party-List; sister of Senator Emmanuel Joel J. Villanueva; and spouse of the Honorable Sherwin N. Tugna, former Representative of the CIBAC Party-List.*


*Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the bereaved family of the deceased.*

Adopted,



ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO  
*Speaker*

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on June 2, 2020.

  
JOSE LUIS G. MONTALES  
*Secretary General*