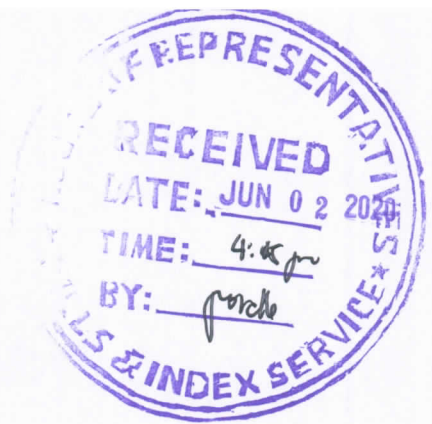




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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 943

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**Introduced by Representatives Alan Peter "Compañero" S. Cayetano,  
Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez and Bienvenido M. Abante, Jr.**

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**RESOLUTION**

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

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Eleanor Villanueva-Tugna passed away on May 28, 2020 at the age of 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, Alia Grace and Lexi Joy; an affectionate daughter to her parents, Deputy Speaker Eduardo "Bro. Eddie" 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,

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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, was already fully immersed in community service and was in charge of the Jesus is Lord (JIL) Fellowship Ministry's iCare Compassion Ministry, a non-profit 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 infrastructures of the JIL ministry;

**WHEREAS**, a dynamic and highly respected local chief executive, Mayor Joni was elected mayor of the Municipality of Bocaue, Bulacan in 2016, and 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, including 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, parents, siblings, relatives and 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 Honorable Eleanor "Joni" Villanueva-Tugna, Mayor of the Municipality of Bocaue, Bulacan, daughter of Honorable Eduardo "Bro. Eddie" C. Villanueva, Deputy Speaker and Representative of CIBAC Party-list, sister of Senator Emmanuel Joel J. Villanueva, and spouse of Honorable Sherwin N. Tugna, former Representative of 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**



**BIENVENIDO M. ABANTE, JR.**



**FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ**