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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1482

Introduced by Representatives Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco, Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez and Joseph Stephen “Caraps” S. Paduano

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2021, former Representative Reynaldo V. Umali passed away at the age of 63;

WHEREAS, more popularly known to many as “R.U.” or simply “Rey,” former Representative Umali was born on February 26, 1957 in Quezon City to parents, Alfonso Lopez Umali, former governor of the Province of Oriental Mindoro, and Mrs. Alberta Malabanan Villar;

WHEREAS, former Representative Rey Umali was a devoted husband to his wife, Dr. Maria Linda Tantoco-Umali, a doting father to their six children: Jean Paulo, Hans Christian, Jan Joseph, Ian Mikhael, John Christopher, and Juan Reynaldo, and a loving and caring brother to Representatives Alfonso V. Umali, Jr. and Ma. Victoria V. Umali;
WHEREAS, he finished his elementary and secondary education in San Beda College; earned his Bachelor of Arts in Economics degree from the Ateneo de Manila University; completed his Bachelor of Laws degree in Manuel L. Quezon University; and obtained a certificate program in Executive Management at the School of Public Administration from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, United States of America;

WHEREAS, during his stint as a Member of the House of Representatives, Honorable Umali served as vice-chairperson of the Committees on Ways and Means, Good Government and Public Accountability, Constitutional Amendments, and Justice during the Fifteenth Congress; chairperson of the Committee on Energy and co-chairperson of the Joint Congressional Power Commission (JCPC) during the Sixteenth Congress; and chairperson of the Committee on Justice during the Seventeenth Congress;

WHEREAS, as chairperson of the Committee on Energy, former Representative Rey Umali led the JCPC-House Panel in crafting a resolution which saved the government six to twelve billion pesos for the purchase of 300-megawatt generator sets to address the looming 2015 power crisis, and institutionalized the “Interruptible Load Program;”

WHEREAS, as chairperson of the Committee on Justice, he actively pushed reforms in the five pillars of the criminal justice system, namely, the judiciary, law enforcement, prosecution service, correctional institution, and the community;

WHEREAS, former Representative Rey Umali was one of the principal authors of several important laws which include Republic Act (RA) No. 11285, otherwise known as the “Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act,” RA 11361, otherwise known as the “Anti-Obstruction of Power Lines Act,” RA 10667, otherwise known as the “Philippine Competition Act,” RA 10863, otherwise known as the “Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA),” RA 10687, otherwise known as the “Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) Act,” RA 11037, otherwise known as the “Masustansyang Pagkain para sa Batang Pilipino Act,” RA 10931, otherwise known as “Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act,” and RA 11235, otherwise known as the “Motorcycle Crime Prevention Act.”

WHEREAS, he also co-authored several laws of national significance, such as Republic Act (RA) No. 10361, otherwise known as the “Domestic Workers Act” or the “Batas Kasambahay,” RA 10951, entitled “An Act Adjusting the Amount or the Value of Property and Damage on Which a Penalty is Based and the Fines Imposed Under the Revised Penal Code, Amending for the Purpose Act No. 3815, Otherwise Known as ‘The Revised Penal Code, as Amended,’” RA 11035,
otherwise known as the known as the “Balik Scientist Act,” and RA 11234, otherwise known as the “Energy Virtual One-Stop Shop Act;”

WHEREAS, a visionary leader who saw the Province of Oriental Mindoro in its full horizon, he also authored significant legislative measures for the development and improvement of the province and launched programs that were aimed to make it the center for excellence in agriculture;

WHEREAS, before he began his illustrious career in politics, former Representative Umali practiced law as the managing partner of the Westwood Law Office, and Law Firm of Umali, Soriano and Associates;

WHEREAS, he also held various positions in the government and served as division chief of the Multilateral Division of the National Economic Development Authority; legislative chief of staff of former Representative Gerardo P. Cabochan; director of the International Relations Office of the Coordinating Council of the Philippines Assistance Program; director of the Agrarian Reform Fund Management Service of the Presidential Agrarian Reform Council; and deputy commissioner of the Bureau of Customs heading the Revenue Collection and Monitoring Group;

WHEREAS, while with the Bureau of Customs, he headed the “Run After The Smugglers (RATS)” program, which held the record for filing the highest number of cases against violators of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, former Representative Rey Umali also served as a consultant of the United Nations Development Programme for Vientiane, Lao People’s Democratic Republic (PDR);

WHEREAS, having consistently excelled in every task assigned to him, and continued to make a difference to the institutions and the people he served, Honorable Umali was conferred the “2017 Ulirang Ama Award for Government and Public Service” a recognition given to outstanding Filipino fathers who have shown success in their professional lives while fulfilling their role as head of their families, and the “2017 Distinguished Bedan Award for Government Service,” a recognition given to the most notable alumni of San Beda with significant achievement and excellent performance in public service;

WHEREAS, former Representative Rey Umali will always be remembered for his passion for reforms and dedicated public service to the country, most especially to the people of Oriental Mindoro, with the battle cry “Ipagpatuloy natin ang pagsisikap para sa patuloy na pagbabago at kaunlaran sa Silangang Mindoro.” Now, therefore, be it

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

Adopted,

[Signatures]

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