RESOLUTION


WHEREAS, on December 24, 2020, Honorable Benhur “Ben” L. Salimbangon passed away at the age of 75;

WHEREAS, fondly called “Ben” by his family, friends and colleagues, former Representative Salimbangon is survived by his wife, the Honorable Janice Z. Salimbangon, the incumbent Representative of the Fourth Legislative District of Cebu, his seven children, Marie Daphne, Joseph Elton, Paulo, Francis, Benhur II, Audrey and Martin; and grandchildren;

WHEREAS, Honorable Ben Salimbangon completed his elementary education from the Panugnawan Elementary School in Medellin, Cebu; finished his secondary education at the Southwestern University in Cebu City; and earned his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree from the Cebu Institute of Technology in Cebu City;

WHEREAS, an engineer by profession with knowledge on electric cooperatives, power generation, distribution and management acquired from international trainings and conventions in the United States of America, China and Sweden, Honorable Ben Salimbangon served as the general manager of Cebu II Electric Cooperative, Inc. where he
was recognized twice as the Most Outstanding General Manager of Electric Cooperatives in the Philippines for his exemplary leadership;

WHEREAS, with a heart to serve the public, Honorable Ben Salimbangon started his political career as a board member of the Province of Cebu from 1995 to 1998 where he was cited as one of its most outstanding provincial board member;

WHEREAS, as Member of the House of Representatives during the Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Congresses, Honorable Ben Salimbangon principally authored various laws of great importance for the socio-economic development of the Fourth Legislative District of Cebu, which include Republic Act (RA) No. 11152, entitled “An Act Converting the Land Transportation Office-Medellin Extension into a Regular District Office, and Appropriating Funds Therefor;” RA 10856, entitled “An Act Establishing a Multi-Species Marine Hatchery in the Municipality of Bantayan, Province of Cebu and Appropriating Funds Therefor;” RA 10615, entitled “An Act Providing for the Construction of a Fishport in Barangay Hagnaya, Municipality of San Remigio, Province of Cebu and Appropriating Funds Therefor;” and RA 10340, entitled “An Act Creating Five (5) Additional Branches of the Regional Trial Court to be Stationed at the City of Bogo, Province of Cebu, Amending for the Purpose, Section 14, Paragraph (H) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known as “The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980,” and Appropriating Funds Therefor;”

WHEREAS, taking into account the vulnerable sectors in the country, Honorable Ben Salimbangon co-authored several laws of national importance, which include among others, RA 11350, otherwise known as the “National Commission of Senior Citizens Act;” RA 11291, otherwise known as the “Magna Carta of the Poor;” RA 11285, otherwise known as the “Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act;” RA 11215, otherwise known as the “National Integrated Cancer Control Act;” RA 11054 otherwise known as the “Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao;” RA 11038, otherwise known as the “Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 2018;” RA 10963, otherwise known as the “Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN);” and RA 10928, entitled “An Act Extending the Validity of Philippine Passports, Amending for the Purpose Section 10 of Republic Act No. 8239, Otherwise Known as the Philippine Passport Act of 1996, and for Other Purposes;”

WHEREAS, a visionary and exemplary leader, Honorable Ben Salimbangon initiated, among other projects, the construction of schools, hospitals, roads, ports and bridges, dredging of Hagnaya Port in San Remigio, completion of Maya Port in Daanbantayan, establishment of jetty ports in the islands of Malapascua and Kinatarcan, and the transformation of the once narrow semi-dirt road flanked by sugarcane plantations into the widened and concrete gateway to Bogo City, now known as the Aisle of Medellin;
WHEREAS, Honorable Ben Salimbangon will forever be cherished by his bereaved family, friends and constituents as the humble man who had touched so many lives as a loving brother, a doting husband, a guiding father, a caring Lolo, and a dedicated public servant. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, To express its profound condolences to the family of the Honorable Benhur L. Salimbangon, former Representative of the Fourth Legislative District of Cebu during the Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Congresses, and spouse of Honorable Janice Z. Salimbangon.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That the family of the Honorable Benhur L. Salimbangon be given a copy of this Resolution.

Adopted,

[Signatures]

LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO

JOSEPH STEPHEN “CARAPS” S. PADUANO

Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez