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House Resolution No. 1550

Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE ERIC L. OLIVAREZ

A RESOLUTION  
EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEMISE OF HONORABLE SENATOR JOHN HENRY RENNER "SONNY" OSMEÑA

WHEREAS, Former Senator John Henry "Sonny" Osmeña died in his condominium unit in Toledo City, Province of Cebu on February 2, 2021. He was 86 years old when he passed away;

WHEREAS, he was born on January 17, 1935 to Emilio Osmeña and Ma. Louisa Renner, both of the Province of Cebu. He is the grandson of the late President Sergio Osmeña, Sr. He had since led the third generation of the Osmeñas who are known as families of devoted public servants;

WHEREAS, he was married to Lucy Urgello with one son, John Gregory, Jr.;

WHEREAS, he earned his mechanical engineering degree from the University of San Carlos and further studies at the University of the Philippines (UP) and the International Social Development Institution in Holland;
WHEREAS, in 1970, he was named as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) of the country for his exemplary performance in Government Service;

WHEREAS, Senator Osmeña had a long career in government service. He was elected councilor of Cebu City from 1963 to 1965, vice mayor from 1965 to 1969, and representative of Cebu's second district from 1969 to 1971. He served as senator from 1971 to 1972. After the 1986 People Power Revolution, he was appointed officer-in-charge mayor of Cebu City and was elected once again as senator from 1987 to 1995. Thereafter, he became Cebu's third district representative from 1995 to 1998. From 1998 until 2004, he was re-elected as senator of the Republic from 1998 to 2004 and as mayor of Toledo City, West Cebu from 2013 to 2019;

WHEREAS, during his various terms as Senator of the Republic of the Philippines, Sonny Osmeña sponsored important legislations. He sponsored, among others, a number of development-oriented bills like the Municipal Telephone Act (Republic Act 6849) whereby each municipality will get a telephone system, the Mini-Hydroelectric Program (RA 7156) which provides non-conventional electricity in the countryside, the Public Telecommunications Act of 1995 (RA 7925), and the creation of the Philippine Postal Corporation (RA 7354). He also authored landmark bills like the Electric Power Crisis Act (RA 7648) and the Build Operate Law (RA 7718). He was also responsible for the creation of the Department of Energy (DOE) after his Senate Bill was signed into law by President Ramos in 1992 in what is more popularly known as RA 7638;

WHEREAS, Former Senator John Henry "Sonny" Renner Osmeña was survived by his son, Cebu Vice Governor John Gregory U. Osmeña;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, to express its deepest sympathies and condolences on the demise of Senator John Henry "Sonny" R. Osmeña.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of the deceased.

ADOPTED.

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