A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PASSING OF MR. RICARDO “RICKY” F. LO

WHEREAS, Mr. Ricardo “Ricky” F. Lo, a prominent name in Philippine show business and journalism, passed away on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at the age of 75;

WHEREAS, Mr. Lo was born in Las Navas, Northern Samar where he completed his elementary schooling. He obtained his high school diploma from the bilingual Tabaco Pei Ching School in Tabaco, Albay. It was during this time that he started to write and began to discover a profound interest in newspapers and magazines.
In 1969, he graduated from the University of the East with a college degree in AB English;¹

WHEREAS, Mr. Lo started his career as an editorial assistant of Variety magazine, which was the Sunday supplement of the old The Manila Times. It was here that he started the now-famed FunFare column. He then joined the Philippine Daily Express, first as a staff writer of its supplementary Express Week magazine and later as deskman of the main broadsheet, The Evening Express. He was thereafter promoted to editorial assistant at the publisher’s Sunday magazine Weekend, a post he held until 1986;²

WHEREAS, following his stint as an entertainment editor, Mr. Lo moved to The Philippine Star, bringing with him his FunFare column and setting up a new regular Sunday feature called Conversations with Ricky Lo. This section eventually became notable for carrying groundbreaking pieces, where celebrities shared, for the first time, personal stories and anecdotes that delighted readers, owing to Mr. Lo’s prowess as an interviewer and entertainment journalist;

WHEREAS, Mr. Lo’s work ethic and unique skill set eventually put him on the television spotlight, first as one of the hosts of the showbiz-oriented talk show The Buzz on ABS-CBN. He later transferred to GMA-7 to host the show Startalk from 2008 to 2015 and CelebriTV from 2015 to 2016. He also served as a hosting talent for other showbiz-oriented programs such as The Ricky Lo Exclusives and Showbiz Stripped;³

WHEREAS, through his sheer will, hard work, and undeniable talent and charisma, Mr. Lo throughout his storied career undoubtedly left a mark not only in the worlds of show business and journalism, but also in the hearts of the many Filipino readers and television viewers who sought his work and found leisurely joy and light amusement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the undersigned members of the House of Representatives, express our profound sympathy and sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Ricardo “Ricky” F. Lo, a credible and prolific writer and a respected journalist whose contributions to the field of entertainment have touched the hearts of journalists, celebrities, and fans;

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be transmitted to the bereaved family of the late Mr. Ricardo “Ricky” F. Lo.

Adopted,

² Ibid.
³ Ibid.