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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1954**



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Introduced by Representative **MICAELA S. VIOLAGO**

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**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, HONORABLE BENIGNO SIMEON “NOYNOY” C. AQUINO III, A GREAT FILIPINO LEADER WHO WAS A FORMER SENATOR (2007- 2010), AND A FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT OF TARLAC (1998-2007)**

**WHEREAS**, on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2021, the country grieves the sudden passing of the 15<sup>th</sup> President of the Republic of the Philippines (2010-2016), Benigno Simeon “Noynoy” C. Aquino III;

**WHEREAS**, P-Noy, as he was fondly called, is the third child and only son of democracy icons former Senator Benigno “Ninoy” Aquino Jr. and former President Corazon “Cory” C. Aquino;

**WHEREAS**, he was 61 when he died in his sleep last Thursday, June 24, due to renal failure secondary to diabetes before he was rushed to the Capitol Medical Center;

**WHEREAS**, an economics graduate of Ateneo de Manila University, Noynoy Aquino first entered politics as representative of Tarlac’s second district in 1998 and held the post for two more consecutive terms until 2007;

**WHEREAS**, he placed sixth in the senatorial elections in May 2007 and later chaired the Senate committee on local government and as vice chairman of the committee on justice and human rights;

**WHEREAS**, even with three more years to go as senator, P-Noy sought and won the presidency in 2010, with the death of his mother in 2009 sparking calls for him to lead the country;

**WHEREAS**, former President Benigno Aquino III ushered the Philippine economy from

a high credit risk to an investment-grade status through his good governance and the country earned its first investment grade from Fitch Ratings in 2013, 3 years into his term;

**WHEREAS**, his leadership oversaw the Philippines escaping the “Sick Man of Asia” and pushed the country to an average economic growth of 6.2%, the fastest since the 1970s;

**WHEREAS**, during his presidency, P-Noy made tough decisions in behalf of Filipinos whom he acknowledged as his “bosses”—from successfully challenging China over the disputed West Philippine Sea in the international arbitral tribunal at The Hague, to putting in detention former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and three sitting senators on charges of corruption and plunder, respectively;

**WHEREAS**, under his term, the Department of Tourism launched the “It’s More Fun in the Philippines” campaign to promote tourism and further boost the economy;

**WHEREAS**, under P-Noy’s administration, the government expanded the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program that provides cash dole-outs to the poorest in exchange for commitments by parents to send children to school;

**WHEREAS**, one of P-Noy’s major successes was the signing of a 2014 peace deal with the largest Muslim separatist rebel group, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, which eased decades of fighting in the country’s south, homeland of minority Muslims in the largely Roman Catholic nation;

**WHEREAS**, P-Noy will be remembered for being the one who took the initiative to assert Philippine sovereignty over the West Philippine Sea and his decision to make an arbitration case against China before the Permanent Court of Arbitration was his most lasting act of service to the Filipino nation;

**WHEREAS**, the passing of a great public servant, a man of dignified humility, with a kind, selfless heart and unyielding integrity, is a great loss not only to the Aquino family but to the Filipino as well, specially those whose lives he had touched the most;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**, to extend its collective sympathy and condolence to the bereaved family of the late former President Benigno Simeon “Noynoy” C. Aquino III but with grateful hearts for his contribution to the Filipino people as a genuine servant leader.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the family of the late former President Benigno Simeon “Noynoy” C. Aquino III.

ADOPTED.

  
**MICAELA S. VIOLAGO**