A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PASSING OF MR. RAMON HOLIFEÑA

WHEREAS, Mr. Ramon “Monching” Holifeña passed away on Thursday, July 29, 2021 in Silay City, Negros Occidental at the age of 87;

WHEREAS, Mr. Ramon Holifeña is one of the nine children and heirs of Manuel Severino and Gilda Ledesma Hojilla, who resides in the Hojilla Ancestral House located in Cinco de Noviembre Street, Silay City and personally tours guests who visit his abode;

WHEREAS, Mr. Ramon Holifeña first opened his family’s ancestral house to visitors in 1962, the 1st Heritage House in Silay City to be opened to both foreign and local tourists;

WHEREAS, since his return from the United States in the 1970s, Mr. Ramon Holifeña has been into a life-long campaign to restore and protect the Negrense Cultural Heritage. He spearheaded the Annual Cultural Tour of Negros Occidental (ACTNO) which is the longest-running cultural tour in the world and instilled a pride of place for Negrenses;
WHEREAS, Mr. Ramon Holfeña was one of the pioneer founders of Silay Heritage Foundation that advocated the preservation and cultivation of arts and culture in Silay City and saved the houses of the Silay Heritage Zone from destruction due to road widening in the 1970s and 1980s;

WHEREAS, Mr. Ramon Holfeña was awarded the “Tourism Lifetime Achievement Plaque” by the Department of Tourism – Region VI for his excellent contribution to the Tourism Industry;

WHEREAS, Mr. Ramon Holfeña was a collector of more than a thousand pieces of art, from paintings to antiques, sculptures, and engravings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives expresses its profound sympathy, and sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Ramon Holfeña, the “Father of Heritage Conservation” in Silay City, was a man with a passion for the arts, culture, and history and an expert in his domain;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the bereaved family of the late Mr. Ramon “Monching” Holfeña.

Adopted,

HON. LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO  
HON. CHRISTOPHER V.P. DE VENECIA

HON. FRANCISCO "KIKO" B. BENITEZ  
HON. ALFRED C. DELOS SANTOS

HON. LIANDA B. BOLILIA  
HON. VILMA SANTOS RECTO

HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA  
HON. MARLYN "LEN" B. ALONTE

HON. ANGELO MARCOS BARBA  
HON. EDWARD VERA PEREZ MACEDA
