HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2191

Introduced by Representatives Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco, Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez and Joseph Stephen “Caraps” S. Paduano

RESOLUTION


WHEREAS, on August 24, 2021, Honorable Erasmo B. Damasing passed away at the age of 86;

WHEREAS, Honorable Damasing was born on July 26, 1935, in the Municipality of Gitagun, Misamis Oriental to parents, former vice mayor Custodio Tagarda Damasing and Feliza Daaca Balacuit;

WHEREAS, Honorable Damasing is survived by his wife, Dr. Annie Propia Estrada-Damasing and sons, Francis, Eric, Edgar and Ernie;

WHEREAS, a brilliant student, Honorable Damasing earned his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of the Philippines in 1959; he was conferred a Doctorate in Humanities, Honoris Causa by the Misamis University in 2003;

WHEREAS, Honorable Damasing was given the moniker “Rambo” by the local media and his political peers for his exceptional ability to fix any difficult and challenging situation;
WHEREAS, as a lawyer and labor leader, he served as president of the Cagayan de Oro Association of Practicing Attorneys; secretary of the University of the Philippines Alumni Association, Misamis Oriental Chapter; vice president and chief legal counsel of the Federation of Free Workers for Mindanao; chairperson of the Northern Mindanao Labor Council; president of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, Misamis Oriental Chapter; acting president of the Citizens Legal Aid Society of the Philippines in Misamis Oriental; vice chairperson for labor in the Labor Management Council for Northern Mindanao; and president of Cagayan de Oro College;

WHEREAS, in the political arena, he was elected as city councilor of Cagayan de Oro City from 1967 to 1980; vice mayor of Cagayan de Oro City from 1988 to 1992; and Representative of the Lone Legislative District of Cagayan de Oro City during the Ninth and Tenth Congresses from 1992 to 1998;

WHEREAS, during his stint in the House of Representatives, Honorable Damasing worked as vice chairperson of the Committee on Poverty Alleviation, authored and co-authored several bills of local and national importance, and initiated 1,115 projects for Cagayan de Oro City;

WHEREAS, Honorable Damasing principally authored measures of national application, such as Republic Act (RA) 8291, entitled “An Act Amending Presidential Decree No. 1146, as Amended, Expanding and Increasing the Coverage and Benefits of the Government Service Insurance System, Instituting Reforms Therein and for Other Purposes”; RA 8246, entitled “An Act Creating Additional Divisions in the Court of Appeals, Increasing the Number of Court of Appeals Justices from Fifty-One (51) To Sixty-Nine (69), Amending for the Purpose Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and For Other Purposes”; RA 8241, entitled “An Act Amending Republic Act No. 7716, Otherwise Known as the Expanded Value-Added Tax Law and Other Pertinent Provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code, as Amended”; RA 8177, entitled “An Act Designating Death by Lethal Injection as the Method of Carrying Out Capital Punishment, Amending for the Purpose Article 81 of the Revised Penal Code, as Amended by Section 24 of Republic Act No. 7659”; and RA 7696, entitled “An Act Increasing the Monthly Pension of Veterans and Appropriating Funds Therefor”;

WHEREAS, Honorable Damasing likewise principally authored measures of local application, especially those close to the hearts of his constituents, such as RA 7670, entitled “An Act Declaring June Fifteen of Every Year as a Special Non-Working Public Holiday in Cagayan De Oro City To Be Known As Cagayan De Oro City Charter Day”; RA 7839, entitled “An Act Converting the City High School (Bugo), a Nationalized Regular High School, Located in Bugo, Cagayan De Oro
City, Into A School Of Arts And Trades, to be Known as the Cagayan De Oro (Bugo) School of Arts and Trades and, for this Purpose, Authorizing the Automatic Transfer, Without Cost, of All of the Former's Facilities, School Site, Buildings and Other Properties to the Latter”; and RA 7938, entitled “An Act Upgrading and Converting the Northern Mindanao Regional Training Hospital in Cagayan De Oro City into A Medical Center, to be known as the Northern Mindanao Medical Center, and Appropriating Funds Therefor”;

WHEREAS, an intellectual law practitioner who dominated discussions with his arguments and rhetorics, Honorable Damasing always stood on issues that were for the best interest and welfare of the Filipino people and his constituents, the “Kagay-anons,” during his remarkable two-term service in the House of Representatives;

WHEREAS, Honorable Erasmo B. Damasing was a staunch advocate of press freedom, and a true public servant who worked with integrity, efficiency and utmost responsibility, and his demise is an immense loss to his family, friends, colleagues, and the people of Cagayan de Oro City: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To express its profound condolences to the family of the Honorable Erasmo B. Damasing, former Representative of the Lone Legislative District of Cagayan de Oro City during the Ninth and Tenth Congresses.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the bereaved family.

Adopted,

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