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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2218

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2021, Honorable Pablo Paras Garcia passed away at the age of 95;

WHEREAS, “Pabling,” as Honorable Garcia was fondly called by family and friends, was born on September 25, 1925 in the Municipality of Dumanhug, Province of Cebu;

WHEREAS, Honorable Pablo Garcia was married to the late Judge Esperanza Fiel Garcia and is survived by his children, Gwendolyn, Diedra, Winston, Byron, Farla, and Pablo John, as well as his 27 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren;

WHEREAS, a consistent scholar, Honorable Pablo Garcia earned his Bachelor of Laws degree, *Magna Cum Laude* from San Carlos University;
placed third in the 1951 Bar Examinations; and ranked first in the Department of Justice Examination for Mediation Lawyers;

WHEREAS, a trial lawyer, law professor and respected constitutionalist, the lifelong career in public service of Honorable Pablo Garcia started when he served as a municipal councilor in his hometown of Dumanjug, Province of Cebu in 1951; provincial board member of Cebu from 1967 to 1969; vice governor of Cebu from 1969 to 1971; Representative of the Third Legislative District of Cebu during the Eight and Ninth Congresses from 1988 to 1995; governor of Cebu for three consecutive terms from 1995 to 2004; and Representative of the Second Legislative District of Cebu during the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Congresses from 2007 to 2013;

WHEREAS, in the House of Representatives, Honorable Pablo Garcia served in various capacities such as Deputy Speaker; chairperson of the Committee on Revision of Laws and Sub-Committee on Local Governments in Provinces and Cities; and a member of the Committees on Justice, Ways and Means, Ethics, Suffrage, and Electoral Reforms;

WHEREAS, Honorable Garcia spearheaded the passage of several significant measures, which include Republic Act (RA) No. 6809 entitled “An Act Lowering the Age Of Majority From Twenty-One To Eighteen Years Amending For The Purpose Executive Order Number Two Hundred Nine And For Other Purposes”; RA 6850, entitled “An Act To Grant Civil Service Eligibility Under Certain Conditions To Government Employees Appointed Under Provisional Or Temporary Status Who Have Rendered A Total Of Seven (7) Years Of Efficient Service, And For Other Purposes; and co-authored RA 6972, otherwise known as the “Barangay-Level Total Development and Protection of Children Act”; RA 7354 otherwise known as “Postal Service Act of 1992”; RA 6938, otherwise known as “Cooperative Code of the Philippines”; RA 6735, entitled “An Act Providing For A System Of Initiative And Referendum And Appropriating Funds Therefor; RA 6734, entitled “An Act Providing For An Organic Act For The Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao”; RA 6977, otherwise known as the “Magna Carta For Small Enterprises”; RA 7160, otherwise known as the “Local Government Code of 1991”; RA 7432, entitled “An Act To Maximize the Contribution of Senior Citizens to Nation Building, Grant Benefits and Special Privileges And For Other Purposes”;

WHEREAS, he also principally authored RA 7659, entitled “An Act To Impose The Death Penalty On Certain Heinous Crimes, Amending For That Purpose The Revised Penal Laws, As Amended, Special Penal Laws And For Other Purposes”; RA 7975, entitled “An Act To Strengthen The Functional

WHEREAS, as a veteran lawmaker and staunch advocate for the welfare and protection of his province, Honorable Garcia established a regional political party known as the One Cebu (1-Cebu);

WHEREAS, with his legacy of dedicated service and unselfish devotion towards the people of Cebu spanning more than half a century, coupled with his outstanding career in the academe, the executive and legislative branches of government, Honorable Pablo P. Garcia inspired his children to join public service; his daughter, Honorable Gwendolyn Garcia is the incumbent governor of Cebu, and former Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives; his son, Honorable Pablo John Garcia serves as Deputy Speaker and Representative of the Third Legislative District of the Province of Cebu; other sons, Byron Garcia, served as former security consultant for the Cebu provincial government who instituted a program of choreographed exercise routines for inmates of the Cebu Provincial Detention and Rehabilitation Center; Winston Garcia, as former president and general manager of the Government Service Insurance System or GSIS; the late Nelson Gamaliel F. Garcia, as former mayor of the Municipality of Dumanjug, Province of Cebu; and the late Marlon F. Garcia, as former mayor of the Municipality of Barili, Province Of Cebu;

WHEREAS, a devoted public servant who dedicated two-thirds of his life to public service and admired for his intelligence, diligence and integrity, it is indeed with profound sadness that the Province of Cebu and the entire Filipino nation lost an exceptional and inimitable man as Honorable Pablo “Pabling” Paras Garcia, who will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing and working with him: Now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To express its profound condolences to the family of the Honorable Pablo Paras Garcia, former Deputy Speaker and Representative of the Third Legislative District of Cebu during the Eighth and Ninth Congresses, and of the Second Legislative District during the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Congresses, and the father of Honorable Pablo John F. Garcia, Deputy Speaker and Representative of the Third Legislative District of Cebu.

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

Adopted,

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