A RESOLUTION
HONORING THE LATE FORMER SOCIAL WELFARE AND
DEVELOPMENT SECRETARY CORAZON “DINKY” JULIANO-SOLIMAN
FOR HER INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIELD OF SOCIAL
WORK AND THE COUNTRY AS A DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVANT
EXEMPLIFIED BY HER LIFELONG CRUSADE TO UPLIFT THE QUALITY
OF LIFE OF THE POOREST AND MOST VULNERABLE SECTORS OF
SOCIETY

WHEREAS, the Philippine House of Representatives has always honored
and paid its respects to remarkable Filipinos for their outstanding legacy and
service to the people;¹

WHEREAS, on Sunday, September 19, her family announced that former
Social Welfare and Development Secretary and longtime social worker Corazon
“Dinky” Juliano-Soliman has passed away at the age of 68 due to complications
from renal and heart failure;

WHEREAS, Sec. Dinky, who hailed from Tarlac, obtained her bachelor’s degree and graduate degree in social work from the University of the Philippines – Diliman, and another master’s degree in public administration at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University;\(^2\)

WHEREAS, she spend decades in social work and activism, including organizing and training grassroots organization of peasants and the urban poor across the country. Her skills in participatory methods, capacity building and creative approaches to problems have benefited the marginalized, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and the government;\(^3\)

WHEREAS, the public has known her signature single-streaked hair color, which Sec. Dinky attributes to the causes she fights for and a symbol of “good vibes”. She made a name for herself as a civil society leader, a reformist in the field of social welfare where its programs are anchored on evidence-based policy making, planning, and evaluation and a crusader against corruption in government;\(^4\)

WHEREAS, Sec. Dinky first headed the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) during the administration of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo. However, she later resigned, along with other Cabinet officials and heads of agencies collectively known as the “Hyatt 10,” when President Arroyo was accused of fraud in the 2004 presidential elections or the “Hello, Garci”. scandal, in July 2005;\(^5\)

WHEREAS, in her four years at the DSWD during President Arroyo’s term. Sec. Dinky launched the Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan-Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (KALAHI-CIDDS), a poverty

\(^2\) Ibid.
\(^3\) Ibid.
alleviation program which empowered barangays and communities in target municipalities;⁶

**WHEREAS,** in 2010, Sec. Dinky was appointed again as the DSWD Secretary of then-President Benigno S. Aquino III and headed the Human Development and Poverty Reduction Cabinet Cluster;⁷

**WHEREAS,** as DSWD Secretary, Sec. Dinky steered the government’s flagship poverty alleviation program, the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), which was initiated by the Arroyo administration but was massively expanded and further developed under the Aquino administration. Likewise, Sec. Dinky accelerated other social welfare programs such as the Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP), and the Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan-Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services - National Community- Driven Development Program (KC-NCDDP). She also helped lead the disaster response and massive rehabilitation efforts in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) that devastated Eastern Visayas;⁸

**WHEREAS,** Sec. Dinky has also been recognized on the international stage for her exemplary public service. In 2015, she received an award for leadership in social accountability from the Global Partnership for Social Accountability (GPSA). She was among those who were recognized by the World Bank for “promoting social accountability as a means to eradicate poverty and promote inclusive growth” in their countries;⁹

**WHEREAS,** during her stint as Social Welfare Secretary, the 4Ps and KC-NCDDP programs where commended and cited as one of the best practices in social welfare programs by the World Bank and Asian Development Bank;

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⁶ https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1489975/dinky-soliman-small-woman-with-a-big-heart-68  
⁸ Ibid.  
WHEREAS, colleagues have described Soliman as indefatigable and consistent, despite the challenges of her work and even at the risk of her own health. While her stint in government was not without criticism, people who closely worked with her attested that her efforts were deeply rooted in a commitment to uplifting the poor as a “social worker by heart”;

WHEREAS, Sec. Dinky left nothing materially but so much in the respectful affection of all who worked, dreamed and fought with her causes and advocacies. Her passing ends a chapter in the country’s civil society sector. Her untimely death as an exemplary public servant and social worker, the first responder on the ground and the last person to leave the disaster-stricken area, is a great loss to the Filipino people and the nation as well, particularly in this time of crisis and upheaval;

WHEREAS, Sec. Dinky’s legacy will go down in Filipino history as that of a champion of social justice and democracy. Her passionate love and steadfast commitment to serve the poorest and most marginalized of Filipinos and improve their quality of life through meaningful social reforms should serve as a benchmark for any aspiring public servant;

WHEREAS, it is only proper to recognize Sec. Dinky’s contributions to public service and honor her for her exemplary work, dedication, and commitment towards combatting poverty and inequality in Philippine society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to honor the late former Social Welfare and Development Secretary Corazon “Dinky” Juliano- Soliman for her invaluable contributions to the field of social work and the country as a distinguished public servant exemplified by her lifelong crusade to uplift the quality of life of the poorest and most vulnerable sectors of society.

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