RESOLUTION


WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Honorable Emil Lao Ong passed away at the age of 84;

WHEREAS, “Mano Emil,” as Honorable Emil L. Ong was fondly called by his family, friends and colleagues, was born on July 25, 1937 in Manila, to parents Jose Ong Chuan and Agripina Lao;

WHEREAS, Honorable Emil Ong is survived by his wife Marietta Co and four children, Alex, Mark, David and Honorable Edwin Marino C. Ongchuan, governor of the Province of Northern Samar and former Representative of the Second Legislative District of Northern Samar during the Seventeenth Congress;

WHEREAS, he finished his Bachelor of Science in Accounting and earned his Bachelor of Laws degrees from the Far Eastern University in Manila; completed a course in the Program of Instruction for Lawyers at Harvard Law School, Harvard University, Massachusetts, USA; and he taught Business Law at the San Sebastian
WHEREAS, an established certified public accountant and practicing lawyer, Honorable Emil Ong was elected president and governor of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines- Northern Samar Chapter and Eastern Visayas Region, respectively, from 2001 to 2003;

WHEREAS, Honorable Emil Ong started his lifelong career in public service when he was elected delegate in the 1971 Constitutional Convention and Assemblyman in the Batasang Pambansa (1984–1986); appointed as an administrator of the National Food Authority and president of the Food Terminal Inc. (1986–1988); and Representative of the Second Legislative District of Northern Samar during the Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth Congresses (2007–2016);

WHEREAS, as a Member of the House of Representatives, Honorable Emil Ong served as chairperson of the Committee on Labor and Employment, vice chairperson of the Committees on Appropriations, Higher and Technical Education, and Food Security, and actively participated in committee hearings, legislative investigations and plenary deliberations;

WHEREAS, a dedicated and committed public servant, Honorable Emil Ong principally authored Republic Act (RA) No. 10396, entitled “An Act Strengthening Conciliation-Mediation as a Voluntary Mode of Dispute Settlement for All Labor Cases”; and RA 10137, entitled “An Act Converting the Rawis-Talisay Provincial Road, Province of Northern Samar into a National Road”;

WHEREAS, Honorable Emil Ong also co-authored several laws of national significance such as RA No. 9679, otherwise known as the “Home Development Mutual Fund Law of 2009”; RA 10361, otherwise known as the “Domestic Workers Act” or “Batas Kasambahay”; RA 10395, entitled “An Act Strengthening Tripartism, Amending for the Purpose Article 275 of Presidential Decree No. 442, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Labor Code of the Philippines”; RA 9502, otherwise known as the “Universally Accessible Cheaper and Quality Medicines Act of 2008”; RA 9745, otherwise known as the “Anti-Torture Act of 2007”; RA 9500, entitled “An Act to Strengthen the University of the Philippines as the National University”; RA 9497, otherwise known as the “Civil Aviation Authority Act of 2008”; RA 9711, otherwise known as the “Food and Drug Administration Act of 2009”; RA 9700, entitled “An Act Strengthening the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program”; RA 9515, entitled “An Act Defining the Liability of Ship Agents in the Tramp Service and for Other Purposes”; RA 9513, otherwise known as the “Renewable Energy Act of 2008”; RA 9994, otherwise known as the “Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010”; RA 10121, otherwise known as the “Philippine
Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2009”; RA 10353, otherwise known as the “Anti-Enforced or Involuntary Disappearance Act of 2010”; and RA 10592, entitled “An Act Amending Articles 29, 94, 97, 98 and 99 of Act No. 3815, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code”;

WHEREAS, during his stint in the House of Representatives, Honorable Emil Ong pioneered projects and programs aimed at uplifting the lives of the people of the Second Legislative District of Northern Samar; promoted ecotourism particularly the Pinipisikan Falls and the Ginagatusan Caves in Las Navas, Northern Samar; initiated the construction of access roads that connected the Municipality of Silvino Lobos to other towns of Northern Samar and the constructions of roads and bridges connecting the towns of Lao-ang, Palapag, Mapanas, Gamay and Lapini; and spearheaded the electrification of all barangays in his district;

WHEREAS, an inspiring and true patriot, Honorable Emil Lao Ong will always be remembered as a great man who lived an exemplary life of public service devoted to alleviate the lives not only of the people of Northern Samar but also of the entire Filipino nation with utmost dedication and sincerity: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To express its profound condolences to the family of Honorable Emil Lao Ong, former Representative of the Second Legislative District of Northern Samar during the Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth Congresses, and the brother of Honorable Jose ‘Jun” L. Ong Jr.

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

Adopted,

LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO

JOSEPH STEPHEN “CARAPS” S. PADUANO  FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ