A RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHIES AND SINCEREST CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS CHAIR JOSE LUIS MARTIN "CHITO" GASCON

WHEREAS, Commission on Human Rights (CHR) Chair Jose Luis Martin "Chito" Gascon passed away on the 9th of October 2021 at the age of 57 due to COVID-19 complications;

WHEREAS, he earned his undergraduate degree in Philosophy and his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of the Philippines. He has a Master of Law degree in International Law (Human Rights, Law of Peace, and Settlement of International Disputes) from Cambridge University;

WHEREAS, Chair Gascon was a steadfast champion of human rights. This dates back to his years as a student leader at the University of the Philippines (UP) during the Marcos Regime. He was a board member at the Human Rights Victims Claims Board, a quasi-judicial body created in 2013 through Republic Act 10368 which oversaw the reparations for Martial Law victims. As the Chair of the Commission on Human Rights, he upheld its constitutional mandate despite the unrelenting attacks on the institution;

WHEREAS, he was a political activist and a social reformer who worked for human rights, access to justice and the rule of law, democracy, peace and conflict transformation, and good governance for more than three decades.

WHEREAS, he was also the youngest member of the Constitutional Commission which drafted the 1987 Constitution;

WHEREAS, Chair Gascon will always be remembered for fighting the good fight and courageously dedicating his life to the defense of human rights and democracy in the Philippines.

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To express profound sympathies and sincerest condolences to the bereaved family of Commission on Human Rights (CHR) Chair Jose Luis Martin "Chito" Gascon.
RESOLVED, FURTHER, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the bereaved family of the deceased.

Adopted,

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