RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE DOUGLAS S. HAGEDORN, FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE THIRD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF PALAWAN DURING THE SIXTEENTH CONGRESS

WHEREAS, Honorable Douglas S. Hagedorn passed away on April 25, 2021 at the age of 76;

WHEREAS, Honorable Hagedorn was born on March 7, 1945 in Puerto Princesa City to parents, Alexander Hagedorn and Gliceria Solon-Hagedorn;

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Mercedes Morato-Hagedorn and their five children, Marjorie Michelle, Mary Madeleine, Mark David, Patrick Alex and Donna Liza;

WHEREAS, before he joined government service in 1986, Honorable Hagedorn was a successful businessman who held key positions in private corporations, such as president and chief executive officer of Hagedorn Foundation; board member of Morning Express Travel and Tours Corp., and chairperson of Hagedorn International Landholdings, Inc.;

WHEREAS, as the Representative of the Third Legislative District of Palawan during the Sixteenth Congress from 2013 to 2016, Honorable Hagedorn served as vice chairperson of the Committee on Ecology and Natural Resources,
where he principally authored Republic Act (RA) No. 10687, otherwise known as the “Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) Act”; and co-authored RA 10649, entitled “An Act Increasing the Burial Assistance for Veterans from Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00) to Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00), amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 6948, as amended, otherwise known as “An Act Standardizing and Upgrading the Benefits for Military Veterans and Their Dependents”; RA 10643, otherwise known as “The Graphic Health Warnings Law”; RA 10665, otherwise known as the “Open High School System Act; and RA 10879, otherwise known as the “MIMAROPA Act”;

WHEREAS, Honorable Hagedorn pioneered projects and programs aimed at improving the lives of the people of his district, spearheaded the construction of roads and bridges in barangays Napsan, Bagong Bayan, and Simpocan, and allocated funds for the construction of school buildings, barangay halls, public toilets, and covered courts in different barangays of the district;

WHEREAS, in 1986, Honorable Hagedorn began his political career when he became the chairperson of the Puerto Princesa Association of Barangay Councils, making him an ex-officio member of the city council and the longest-serving barangay chairperson of the city;

WHEREAS, in 1996, Honorable Hagedorn started his crusade against the drug proliferation in the city and led a task force against drugs known as the Drugs Enforcement Action Division (DEAD);

WHEREAS, as a result of the overwhelming success of the anti-drug campaign of DEAD led by Honorable Hagedorn, the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency declared Puerto Princesa a “drug-free city” in 1999;

WHEREAS, in 2004, during the first convention of the Association of Asian Cities Against Drugs (ASCAD) held in Melaka, Malaysia, Honorable Hagedorn was elected as vice president of the ASCAD to spearhead the strategy formulation, implementation and overseeing of activities to help eliminate the drug problems in Asian cities;

WHEREAS, in October 2005, Honorable Hagedorn showcased the effective and successful anti-drug campaign of Puerto Princesa City during the second ASCAD convention held in Puerto Princesa, that it became the model of the anti-drug campaign in many cities in Asia and other parts of the world;

WHEREAS, in 2005, his performance in the local and international levels merited the recognition of his city, and he was awarded as the “Most Outstanding
“Barangay Chairperson of Puerto Princesa City,” and in 2006, having authored and passed the most number of ordinances of the city, he was conferred the award as the “Most Active Member of the City Council”;

WHEREAS, Honorable Douglas S. Hagedorn will always be remembered as a good man and dedicated public servant who was committed to effectively promote quality health care, safe environment, accessible education, and efficient pro-poor programs: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To express the profound condolences of the House of Representatives to the family of Honorable Douglas S. Hagedorn, former Representative of the Third Legislative District of Palawan during the Sixteenth Congress.

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

Adopted,

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