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Congress of the Philippines
House of Representatives
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Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of July, two thousand twenty.

RESOLUTION NO. 98

WHEREAS, Honorable Eduardo "Danding" M. Cojuangco Jr. passed away on June 16, 2020, at the age of 85;

WHEREAS, Honorable Danding Cojuangco served as a councilor and acting vice mayor in his hometown in Paniqui, Tarlac (1959); governor of the Province of Tarlac (1967 to 1969); and Representative of the First Legislative District of Tarlac during the Seventh Congress (1970 to 1972);

WHEREAS, during his term as a governor, Honorable Danding Cojuangco quelled the threat and growing influence of the communist New People's Army, and helped restore and stabilize the peace and order situation in the Province of Tarlac;

WHEREAS, as a Member of the House of Representatives during the Seventh Congress, Honorable Danding Cojuangco was the principal author of House Bill No. 318, entitled, "An Act Establishing the Tarlac College of Agriculture in the Municipality of Camiling, Province of Tarlac," and House Bill No. 319, entitled, "An Act Constituting an Aeronautical Special Fund Out of the Proceeds of Taxes on Aviation Fuel, Amending for the Purpose Section Three Hundred Sixty-One of the National Internal Revenue Code";


WHEREAS, Honorable Danding Cojuangco was also one of the coauthors of House Bill No. 1105 which was later approved as Republic Act No. 6125, entitled, "An Act Imposing a Stabilization Tax on Consignments Abroad to Accelerate the Economic Development of the Philippines and for Other Purposes";
WHEREAS, as a sports aficionado, Honorable Danding Cojuangco made countless contributions to Philippine sports, particularly in basketball where he sponsored the National Consolidated Cement, the national team that won the 1981 and 1985 William Jones Cup and ruled the 1985 Southeast Asian Games and 1986 Asian Basketball Confederation Championship. He also owned three teams in the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) – San Miguel Beermen, Ginebra San Miguel and Magnolia Hotshots – which are considered to be the most successful franchises in the PBA today with a total of 53 titles;

WHEREAS, a remarkable tycoon with sharp business acumen and “Midas touch,” Honorable Danding Cojuangco brought San Miguel Corporation, one of the largest and most diversified conglomerates in the country with highly integrated operations and interests in beverages, food and packaging, to greater heights of success, in the same way that he achieved equal degree of success when he ventured into the business of fuel, oil, power, and infrastructure which included Petron Corporation, ECJ & Sons Agricultural Enterprises, Inc. and Cainaman Farms, Inc.;

WHEREAS, equipped with his vast political background and experience, Honorable Danding Cojuangco founded the Nationalist People’s Coalition (NPC), one of the presently leading political parties in the country, with a vision of improving the quality of life of all Filipinos, as may be discerned from his very words that “a political party that does not touch upon and improve the lives of the people has no reason to exist”;

WHEREAS, a philanthropist in heart and mind, with his philosophy in life of “sharing your fortunes with as many people as you can, and putting your energies into developing your own country because you only have one,” he launched the Flagships to Reach Educational Excellence (Project FREE) through the Eduardo Cojuangco Foundation so that public school teachers in the Province of Tarlac may pursue their master’s and doctorate degrees for free, and until recently, he was
instrumental in initiating the donation of San Miguel Corporation of more than One billion pesos to help the country in its fight against the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic;

WHEREAS, a just and fair person, Honorable Danding Cojuangco was loved and respected by his employees for his generosity, giving them numerous benefits and the opportunities to grow and achieve their full potentials through trainings, seminars, and workshops;

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Adopted,

LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO
Speaker

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