RESOLUTION NO. 120

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE RAUL V. DEL MAR, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF CEBU CITY DURING THE EIGHTH, NINTH, TENTH, TWELFTH, THIRTEENTH, FOURTEENTH, SIXTEENTH, SEVENTEENTH, AND EIGHTEENTH CONGRESSES

WHEREAS, on 17 November 2020, Cebu and the country were diminished and saddened with the news that Representative Raul V. Del Mar passed away and joined his Creator at the age of 79;
WHEREAS, the late Representative Del Mar is survived by his wife Melanie and his three children, former Representatives of the First Legislative District of Cebu City, Raoul and Rachel Marguerite, and Ryan Benjamin;

WHEREAS, Representative Del Mar was a lawyer by profession and earned his Bachelor of Laws degree from the Ateneo de Manila University;

WHEREAS, Representative Del Mar, "Cebu's Father of Legislative Infrastructure," is one of the distinguished veterans of the House of Representatives who started his career in 1987 and has faithfully performed the duties and responsibilities of a Member, serving a total of nine (9) terms or twenty-seven (27) years as a legislator;

WHEREAS, Representative Del Mar served the House of Representatives in various capacities, such as: Deputy Speaker during the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Congresses; Head of the House contingent to the powerful Commission on Appointments for the Ninth, Tenth and Seventeenth Congresses; Assistant Majority Leader during the Eighth Congress; Chairperson of the Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations and Diplomacy for the Sixteenth Congress; Vice Chairperson of the Committee on Appropriations for the Seventeenth Congress; and Member of various standing committees;

WHEREAS, Representative Del Mar holds the distinction of rendering perfect attendance during plenary sessions throughout his twenty-seven (27) years of service as Member of the House of Representatives, marked by active participation in floor deliberations and committee hearings;

WHEREAS, the outstanding performance and achievement of Representative Del Mar and his tireless efforts to attend all plenary sessions during his terms as Member of the House of Representatives have earned him utmost respect from his colleagues and serve as an inspiration to the Members, officials and employees of the House of Representatives, and other public officials, as attested by House Resolution No. 2559 filed by Speaker Gloria
Macapagal Arroyo during the Seventeenth Congress and adopted by the House of Representatives on May 29, 2019 as Resolution No. 197;

WHEREAS, Representative Del Mar also authored seventy-four (74) laws, two (2) laws this Eighteenth Congress, eight (8) in the last Seventeenth Congress and sixty-four (64) in the previous Congresses. Among these are: Republic Act No. 11291, otherwise known as the “Magna Carta of the Poor”; Republic Act No. 11458, otherwise known as “Expanded Sotto Law”; Republic Act No. 10931, otherwise known as the “Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act”; Republic Act No. 9262, otherwise known as the “Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004”; Republic Act No. 9593, otherwise known as “The Tourism Act of 2009”; Republic Act No. 9513, otherwise known as the “Renewable Energy Act of 2008”; Republic Act No. 9189, otherwise known as “The Overseas Absentee Voting Act of 2003”; Republic Act No. 11037, otherwise known as “Masustansyang Pagsakain para sa Batang Pilipino Act”; Republic Act No. 9439, otherwise known as “An Act Prohibiting the Detention of Patients in Hospitals and Medical Clinics on Grounds of Nonpayment of Hospital Bills or Medical Expenses”; Republic Act No. 8344, otherwise known as “An Act Penalizing the Refusal of Hospitals and Medical Clinics to Administer Appropriate Initial Medical Treatment and Support in Emergency or Serious Cases”; Republic Act No. 7621, otherwise known as the “Charter of the Cebu Port Authority”; and Republic Act No. 6958, otherwise known as the “Charter of the Mactan-Cebu International Airport Authority”;

WHEREAS, due to his exemplary achievements and contributions to society, he has received numerous awards and citations such as the “Presidential Medal of Merit Award” and Pro Deo Vitae Et Patria Award in 2007; Humanae Vitae Award and Papal Cross Croce Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice in 2010; “2018 Outstanding Carolinian Alumni Award” on October 18, 2018 and “2018 The Outstanding Filipino (TOFIL) Award” for government and public service on December 5, 2018, as well as being commended by his colleagues in the House of Representatives through Resolution No. 197 for his outstanding performance and perfect attendance in his eight (8) terms as a legislator;
WHEREAS, the late Representative Del Mar was also active in socio-civic activities and held positions in the Cebu Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Cebu Jaycees; and the Rotary Club of Cebu East;

WHEREAS, the late Representative Del Mar’s string of laudable and inimitable accomplishments as a stalwart of the House of Representatives deserve a recognition that befits him as a leader, public servant, mentor, family man and a friend. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, To express its profound condolences to the family of Honorable Raul V. Del Mar, Representative of the First Legislative District of Cebu City during the Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, and Eighteenth Congresses.

Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the bereaved family.

Adopted,

[Signature]

LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO
Speaker

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on November 17, 2020.

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JOCELIA BIGHANI C. SIPIP
Secretary General