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

RESOLUTION NO. 147


WHEREAS, on Tuesday afternoon of 2 February 2021, the Province of Cebu lost one of its illustrious and respected sons with the passing of Honorable John Henry R. Osmeña at the age of 66;

WHEREAS, former Senator and Representative Osmeña was a very astute and savvy Cebuano legislator par excellence, entrepreneur and doting father to his only child, John Gregory Jr.;
WHEREAS, "Sonny," as he was fondly called by his family, colleagues and friends, earned his mechanical engineering degree from the University of San Carlos, and pursued further studies at the University of the Philippines and at the International Social Development Institution in Holland;

WHEREAS, a grandson of the late President Sergio Osmeña Sr. and a third generation of the famous Osmeña clan of Cebu, the political career of Honorable Sonny Osmeña spanned more than 4 decades of public service to his home province of Cebu and the Republic of the Philippines: as Cebu City Councilor from 1963 to 1965; Cebu City Vice Mayor from 1965 to 1969; Representative of Cebu’s Second Legislative District from 1969 to 1971, and its Third Legislative District from 1995 to 1998; Senator from 1971 to 1972, 1987 to 1995, and 1998 to 2004; and Mayor of Toledo City from 2013 to 2019;

WHEREAS, for his exemplary performance in government service, Honorable Sonny Osmeña was named as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) of the country in 1970. He was also one of those badly wounded in the infamous 1971 Plaza Miranda bombing which happened during the miting de avance of the Liberal Party;

WHEREAS, as a Senator, Honorable Sonny Osmeña earned the monicker “Lone Ranger” for his independent-mindedness and for taking a fearless stance despite overwhelming odds by leading the Senate’s investigations on many irregular and anomalous government transactions, including the Petroscam, and those involving the Philippine Airlines and the Philippine Ports Authority, among others;

WHEREAS, true to his commitment as a legislator, Honorable Sonny Osmeña was instrumental, as principal author, in the passage of a number of development-oriented measures like Republic Act No. 6849, or the “Municipal Telephone Act of 1989”; Republic Act No. 7156, or the “Mini-Hydroelectric Power Incentives Act”; Republic Act No. 7925, or the “Public Telecommunications Policy Act of the Philippines”; Republic Act No. 7354, or the “Postal Service Act of 1992”; Republic Act No. 7648, or the “Electric Power Crisis Act of 1993”; Republic Act No. 7718, amending the Build-Operate-Transfer Law; and Republic Act No. 7638, or the “Department of Energy Act of 1992”;

WHEREAS, Honorable Sonny Osmeña will always be remembered for his passion for reforms and dedicated public service to the people not only of Cebu but also of the entire country: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, To express its profound condolences to the family of Honorable John Henry R. Osmeña, former Senator and former Representative of the Second Legislative District of Cebu during the Seventh Congress and of the Third Legislative District of Cebu during the Tenth Congress.

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

Adopted,

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LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO
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