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RESOLUTION NO. 182

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF FORMER DEPUTY SPEAKER AMELITA CALIMBAS-VILLAROSA, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO DURING THE ELEVENTH, THIRTEENTH, FOURTEENTH AND FIFTEENTH CONGRESSES

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2021, former Deputy Speaker Amelita Calimbas-Villarosa passed away peacefully on the day of her 78th birthday;

WHEREAS, fondly called "Girlie" by family, friends, and colleagues, Honorable Villarosa was a devoted wife to her husband, former Representative Jose Tapales Villarosa; a loving mother to her five children: Voltaire Anthony, Mariliza, Frances Joami, Maria Theresa, and Michael Joseph and to their respective spouses; and a doting grandmother to her grandchildren;

WHEREAS, Honorable Villarosa completed her secondary education at Sta. Isabel College in 1959 and earned her Bachelor of Science in Commerce degree from the Far Eastern University in 1965;

WHEREAS, as Representative of the Lone Legislative District of Occidental Mindoro, Honorable Villarosa served as Deputy Speaker during the Fourteenth Congress, and Senior Deputy Minority Leader during the Fifteenth Congress;

WHEREAS, Honorable Villarosa was a principal author of Republic Act No. 10073, otherwise known as the "Girl Scouts of the Philippines Charter of 2009", and Republic Act No. 9903, otherwise known as the "Social Security Condonation Law of 2009"; she was also instrumental in the passage of various important measures including Republic Act No. 9710, otherwise known as "The Magna Carta of Women"; Republic Act No. 9700, which amended Republic Act No. 6657, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988; Republic Act No. 9502 or the "Universally Accessible Cheaper and Quality Medicines Act of 2008"; Republic Act No. 6938 or the "Cooperative Code of the Philippines"; and Republic Act No. 8436, entitled "An Act Authorizing the Commission on Elections to Use an Automated Election System in the May 11, 1998 National or Local Elections and in Subsequent National and Local Electoral Exercises, Providing Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes";

WHEREAS, then Deputy Speaker Villarosa supervised the Social Services Cluster composed of 12 standing committees that produced 8 laws of national importance and approved 617 equally

important measures on Third Reading at the end of the Fourteenth Congress;

WHEREAS, before being elected Member of the House of Representatives, Honorable Villarosa worked with the Banco Filipino Savings and Mortgage Bank, Philippine Infrastructure Inc. and other various corporations, and served as chief of staff, trustee, and treasurer of the Congressional Spouses Foundation, Inc. (CSFI) from 1992 to 1998 during the term of her husband, former Representative Jose T. Villarosa;

WHEREAS, a multi-awarded legislator, she was recognized as "Top Outstanding Legislator" during the Eleventh, Thirteenth and Fourteenth Congresses; received commendations from the Allied Nations Crusade Against Environment Disasters, League of the Press Association of the Philippines, Makati Grade School and Manila Bulletin; and named as an "Outstanding Pro-Women's Agenda Legislator" by the National Centennial Commission;

WHEREAS, Honorable Villarosa remained true to the needs and welfare of her constituents, and focused her efforts to achieve her goals for the Province of Occidental Mindoro, particularly on infrastructure, education, health, agriculture, tourism, electrification, medical assistance and livelihood projects;

WHEREAS, Honorable Villarosa was an outstanding legislator and dedicated public servant who will always be remembered for her kindness, compassion and sincerity: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, To express its profound condolences to the family of former Deputy Speaker Amelita Calimbas-Villarosa, Representative of the Lone Legislative District of Occidental Mindoro during the Eleventh, Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Congresses.

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

Adopted,

LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO
Speaker

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on June 2, 2021.

MARK LLANDRO "DONG" L. MENDOZA
Secretary General