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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City  

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1016  

Introduced by REP. RAUL V. DEL MAR  

RESOLUTION  
EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF REPRESENTATIVE ANTONIO “TONY” V. CUENCO, FORMER SPEAKER PRO-TEMPORE  

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2020, Cebu and the country were truly diminished and saddened when former Representative and Cebu City Councilor Antonio “Tony” V. Cuenco passed away and joined his Creator at the age of 84;  

WHEREAS, born to a political clan, Representative “Tony” was the son of former Cebu Governor Manuel Cuenco and Milagros Veloso-Cuenco, the grandson of former Representative Miguel Cuenco, Cebu 5th district, and the grandson of the former Senate President, Mariano Jesús Cuenco;  

WHEREAS, Representative “Tony” Cuenco was among the political leaders of the vibrant opposition in Cebu City and the country who had gone through several political battles for democratic rule against the administrators of martial law;  

WHEREAS, at the age of 29, he was one of the youngest Congressmen elected during the 6th Congress from 1965 to 1969 representing Cebu’s 5th District and a Mambabatas of Cebu City in the Batasan Pambansa from 1984 to 1986;
WHEREAS, he was elected Representative of the Second District of Cebu City in the Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Twelfth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth Congresses, helping fellow Cebuanos and Filipinos regain and rebuild a free way of life;

WHEREAS, as an authentic politician and a dedicated public servant, he served as Speaker Pro-Tempore during the 8th Congress, Member of the Commission on Appointments during the 9th and 10th Congresses, Chairman of the Committee on Dangerous Drugs during the 12th Congress, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs during the 13th and 14th Congresses, and was elected the Secretary-General of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) for three years since February 4, 2010;

WHEREAS, during his terms of office as an Anti-Drug Crusader, he exposed big-time illegal drug traders in Central Visayas and the country. He principally authored the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 (RA 9165);

WHEREAS, Representative “Tony” Cuenco was still a public official, in service to the City that he loved so dearly, actively attended his last city council session on Thursday, June 25, via Zoom and approaching his second year in his first term as a City Councilor when he died;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESEOLVED, that the House of Representatives of the Philippines express its profound condolences to the family of former Speaker Pro-Tempore Antonio “Tony” V. Cuenco.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of former Speaker Pro-Tempore Antonio “Tony” V. Cuenco.

Adopted.

RAUL V. DEL MAR