HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1237

Introduced by Representatives Alan Peter “Compañero” S. Cayetano, Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez and Bienvenido M. Abante, Jr.

RESOLUTION


WHEREAS, Honorable Jose Acuña Bautista, known to many as Ramon B. Revilla Sr., passed away on June 26, 2020 at the age of 93;

WHEREAS, he is survived by Marlon, Rowena, Princess, Bong, Strike, Andrea, and Dianne, his children with his late spouse, Ms. Azucena Mortel;

WHEREAS, he was a prolific public servant, multi-awarded actor, successful film producer, creative scriptwriter, dynamic socio-civic leader, loving father, and a loyal friend;

WHEREAS, he earned his Bachelor of Science in Commerce degree at the Far Eastern University which, in 1997, bestowed upon him the award for “Outstanding Alumnus in the Field of Public Service;”

WHEREAS, before becoming a pillar in the movie industry, he began an acting career at the age of nineteen, and was one of the sought-after “boy next
door movie stars” of then popular production, Sampaguita Pictures with some of his memorable movies like “Backpay” in 1947, “Pulo ng Engkanto” and “Yolanda” in 1951, and “Not for Bread Alone” and “Kadiong Ngiti” in 1963;

WHEREAS, from 1965-1972, he served as senior intelligence officer at the Bureau of Customs and rose through the ranks to reach the position as head of the secret service unit, now known as the Customs Intelligence and Investigation Division;

WHEREAS, after devoting seven years to untarnished government service, he returned to the glitzy world of show business and co-produced his hit action movie “Nardong Putik: Kilabot ng Cavite” under Cavite Pictures, Inc.;

WHEREAS, he became known as “Hari ng Agimat” in the film industry and started to build his own movie production company, the Imus Productions, Inc., where he performed the multiple roles of producer, actor, writer, and director in several box office hits like “Pepeng Agimat,” “Hulihin si Tiagong Akyat,” “Nardong Putik 2,” “Asawa ko Silang Lahat,” “Tonyong Bayawak,” “Lumaban ka Satanas,” and “Victor Lopez ng Tondo,” and from which performances he received various citations and awards such as “Filipino Academy of Movie Arts and Sciences (FAMAS) Best Actor” in 1973; “Outstanding Film Production” and “Socio-civic Leader” in 1975; “Outstanding Producer of the Year” in 1976; “Box Office King” and “Most Outstanding Actor” in 1979; and the “Lifetime Achievement Award” in 2011 from the Thirty-third Catholic Mass Media Awards;

WHEREAS, as a Senator during the Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth Congresses, he principally authored landmark laws such as: Republic Act (RA) No. 9255, entitled “An Act Allowing Illegitimate Children To Use The Surname Of Their Father, Amending For The Purpose Article 176 Of Executive Order No. 209, Otherwise Known As The "Family Code Of The Philippines;” RA 8294, popularly known as the “Revilla Law,” entitled “An Act Amending The Provisions Of Presidential Decree No. 1866, As Amended, Entitled “Codifying The Laws On Illegal/Unlawful Possession, Manufacture, Dealing In, Acquisition Or Disposition Of Firearms, Ammunition Or Explosives Or Instruments Used In The Manufacture Of Firearms, Ammunition Or Explosives, And Imposing Stiffer Penalties For Certain Violations Thereof, And For Relevant Purposes;” RA 8150, also known as the “Public Works and Highways Infrastructure Program Act of 1995;” and co-authored RA 9165, otherwise known as “Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002;” and RA 8370, also known as the “Children’s Television Act of 1997;”
WHEREAS, former Senator Ramon B. Revilla Sr. served as chairperson of the Senate Committee on Public Works, Committee on Motion Pictures and Television, and Committee on Public Information and Mass Media, through which he shepherded significant bills and resolutions, following his creed that "it is not enough that the Filipino people are served, but they must be served well;"

WHEREAS, after serving two consecutive terms as Senator, he was appointed chairperson of the Philippine Estate Authority, now known as the Philippine Reclamation Authority, by then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, where he introduced reforms that benefited the Filipino people from efficiently developed and managed public estates;

WHEREAS, his commitment and dedication to public service were emulated and lived by his two sons, Representative Strike B. Revilla of the Second Legislative District of the Province of Cavite and Senator Ramon B. Revilla Jr.;

WHEREAS, he was remembered by his colleagues as someone who looked serious and quiet, but was always quick to give compliments and advice, warm and amiable; unconditionally loved life; an inspiring leader in his own right, dedicated and organized at work; and a man with a multitude of wisdom, which he willingly shared with the people around him;

WHEREAS, his countless contributions to the film industry and his deep concern for the welfare of the underprivileged are the hallmarks of a truly authentic legendary icon and civil servant which will forever be etched in the minds and hearts of millions of Filipinos: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To express its profound condolences to the family of Honorable Jose Acuña Bautista, popularly known as Ramon B. Revilla Sr., Senator of the Republic of the Philippines during the Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth Congresses and father of Honorable Strike B. Revilla, Representative of the Second Legislative District of the Province of Cavite.
RESOLVED, FURTHER, That a copy of this Resolution be given to the bereaved family.

Adopted,

ALAN PETER "COMPANERO" S. CAYETANO

BIENVENIDO M. ABANTE, JR.  FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ