Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Veterans Affairs and Welfare to which was referred House Resolution No. 1873, introduced by Representative Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza, entitled:


has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Resolution No. 2338, entitled:


Respectfully submitted,

GERALDINE B. ROMAN
Chairperson
Committee on Veterans Affairs and Welfare

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
QUEZON CITY

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, born on June 17, 1926, in Bacoor, Cavite, Manuel R. Pamaran joined the guerilla movement during World War II as Private First Class (PFC) serving in the “O” Company Miguel Ver Company Regiment (MVCR) of the Hunters Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC), performing espionage and intelligence work;

WHEREAS, upon the arrival of the Allied liberating forces, he served as a guide for the American scouting forces and provided perimeter guard and patrol duties for the Army installations. He also participated in the liberation campaigns in areas outside Manila which include the provinces of Rizal, Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, and Quezon;

WHEREAS, as a young war veteran, he availed of the educational benefit from the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office to attend the Manuel L. Quezon University where he pursued a Bachelor of Laws degree;

WHEREAS, Manuel R. Pamaran became a member of the Philippine bar in 1953, and as a fitting acknowledgement of his distinguished service as a lawyer, he was appointed as the Presiding Justice of the Sandiganbayan where he served from June 11, 1978 to March 31, 1986 in an upstanding and fearless manner;

WHEREAS, in 2018, Justice Pamaran was appointed by Defense Secretary Delfin N. Lorenzana as President of the Veterans Federation of the Philippines (VFP), the umbrella organization of all veterans’ organizations in the country;

WHEREAS, during his term as the President of the VFP, he introduced systemic improvements that greatly benefited the veterans and their dependents, pushed for the reallocation of the 10% share from VFP membership dues from the head office to the VFP’s field offices, and led the VFP Veterans Center in attaining stronger financial status through a steady increase in revenues;

WHEREAS, as a resource person in committee deliberations of the House of Representatives, Justice Pamaran strongly and sincerely advocated for policies that promoted the rights of war
veterans and advanced their well-being and the welfare of their families, and actively lobbied for the increase of the old-age pension of senior war veterans from Php5,000.00 to Php20,000.00;

WHEREAS, he died on December 16, 2020 and the House of Representatives extends its sincerest condolences to his family, cognizant of his hard work, selfless service and love for country which is worthy of the highest commendation;

Now therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, to commend Justice Manuel R. Pamaran for his exemplary service to the country as an intelligence operative of the guerilla movement during World War II, as Presiding Justice of the Sandiganbayan, and as President of the Veterans Federation of the Philippines.

    Adopted,