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RESOLUTION

HONORING THE MEMORY OF RETIRED CHIEF JUSTICE ANDRES R. NARVASA FOR HIS INVALUABLE AND SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND EXPRESSING THE SINCERE CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES TO HIS FAMILY FOR HIS DEMISE

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2013, the Honorable Retired Chief Justice Andres R. Narvasa passed away at the age of 84.

WHEREAS, prior to his appointment to the judiciary, he was a distinguished private practitioner, a law professor and a devoted Dean of Faculty of Civil Law of the University of Sto. Tomas.

WHEREAS, Retired Chief Justice Narvasa served as the general counsel of the Agrava Fact-Finding board which probed the assassination of former Senator Benigno S. Aquino, Jr.

WHEREAS, being appointed on April 10, 1986, Retired Chief Justice Narvasa served as the 112th Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. Thereafter, he was appointed as the 19th Chief Justice of the Supreme Court on December 8, 1991 by the late former President Corazon Aquino.

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure of office as an Associate Justice and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, he demonstrated competence, integrity, probity and independence in the discharge of his function as the highest officer advocating fairness in justice system.

WHEREAS, after his retirement with the Supreme Court, his will to serve the Filipino people remains. Because of that, he was again appointed in the public service by former President Joseph Ejercito Estrada as the Chairman of the Preparatory Commission for Constitutional Reform, a special agency tasked to look into potentially positive modifications in the Philippine Constitution.¹

WHEREAS, during his lifetime, he received several awards commending and acknowledging his exceptional service such as a Plaque of Merit as Most Outstanding Alumnus of Faculty of Civil Law, UST Alumni Foundation, Inc., Papal Award Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, Human Rights Award from the Concerned Women of the Philippines, Ninoy Aquino Movement for Freedom, Justice, Peace and Democracy of the United States of America, and Outstanding Manilan '93 during the 422nd Araw ng Maynila².

WHEREAS, his momentous and invaluable performance as a public servant deserved to be honored and acknowledged. His death is a great lost to our country as he is one of the public officials worthy of being considered as a model public servant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Senate, to honor the Retired Chief Justice Andres R. Narvasa for his invaluable and significant contributions to the administration of justice and for his legacy of judicial form and excellence.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to express the sincere condolences and sympathy of the Senate of the Philippines on the demise of the Honorable Retired Chief Justice Andres R. Narvasa.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the family of Retired Chief Justice Narvasa.

ADOPTED,

JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO

¹ http://sc.judiciary.gov.ph/pio/news/2013/10/10-31-13.php ²Ibid.