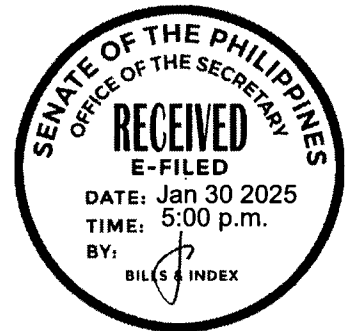


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SENATE

P. S. RES. NO. 1297

Introduced by **Senator JOEL VILLANUEVA**

RESOLUTION

HONORING FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, HIS EXCELLENCY JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COUNTRY AND THE FILIPINO PEOPLE

WHEREAS, His Excellency Joseph "Erap" Ejercito Estrada served as the 13th President of the Republic of the Philippines from 1998 to 2001. He has been in public service for five decades, having assumed various positions in the national and local governments;

WHEREAS, President Estrada has had long, illustrious careers in both the movie industry and public service. He is a successful film actor and producer with over 100 movies made and has contributed significantly to the welfare of workers in the industry. In 1974, he founded the Movie Workers Welfare Foundation (MOWELFUND), which assists marginalized film workers through medical assistance, livelihood and alternative income opportunities, housing, and education, among others. He received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2024 Metro Manila Film Festival in recognition of his legacy and contributions to the Philippine movie industry;

WHEREAS, his career in public service began with his election as the 14th Mayor of San Juan from 1969 to 1986, during which he prioritized infrastructure development through the construction, improvement, and renovation of school buildings, including the first municipal high school in San Juan, health centers, barangay halls, roads, and the famous Agora complex. He was recognized as Outstanding Mayor and Foremost Nationalist by the Inter-Provincial Information Service in 1971 and hailed Most Outstanding Metro Manila Mayor by the Philippine Princeton Poll in 1972;

WHEREAS, as senator from 1987 to 1992, President Estrada was appointed chairperson of the Committee on Public Works and vice chairperson of the Committees on Health, Natural Resources and Ecology, and Urban Planning. He pushed for the passage of bills on irrigation and the protection and propagation of

carabaos, among others. In 1989, he was cited by the Philippine Free Press as one of the "Three Outstanding Senators of the Year";

WHEREAS, in 1992, he was elected as the 9th Vice President of the Philippines and concurrently served as chairperson of the Presidential Anti-Crime Commission (PACC);

WHEREAS, drawing huge support from the masses, he won the presidency in the 1998 elections in a landslide victory. The "*Erap Para Sa Mahirap*" campaign slogan became the battle cry of the Estrada administration, which is considered by scholars as among the most vocal in terms of poverty reduction aspirations;

WHEREAS, during his administration, President Estrada also focused on infrastructure development and economic growth. Amidst the Asian Financial Crisis in the late 1990s, the Philippine economy grew by 3.3% in 1999 and 4.4% in 2000. Further, his administration placed emphasis on the revitalization of the agriculture sector, with programs leading to what was, at the time, an unprecedented growth of 6.4%;

WHEREAS, to continue his work as a dedicated public servant, he served as the 22nd Mayor of Manila from 2013 to 2019, during which he focused on the provision of comprehensive public service to Manileños and the improvement of healthcare and education in the city;

WHEREAS, President Estrada's enduring legacy lies in his governance in the local and national scale that has championed and prioritized the marginalized sectors of society. His more than 50 years of service to the people and the Philippine movie industry deserves the nation's commendation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to honor Former President of the Republic of the Philippines, His Excellency Joseph Ejercito Estrada, for his contributions to the country and the Filipino people.

Adopted,


JOEL VILLANUEVA