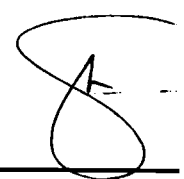


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**RESOLUTION**  
**COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND HONORING REPRESENTATIVE EDCAL**  
**CASTELAR LAGMAN, AND EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY**  
**AND LOVED ONES ON HIS PASSING**

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines deeply mourns the passing of Representative Edcel Castelar Lagman, a veteran lawmaker, human rights lawyer, and a steadfast advocate of social justice, on January 30, 2025, at the age of 82;

WHEREAS, born on May 1, 1942, in Malinao, Albay, Representative Lagman dedicated his life to public service, championing progressive and humanitarian legislation in the House of Representatives for a total of eight terms, spanning from 1987 to 1998, 2004 to 2013, and 2016 until his passing;

WHEREAS, Representative Lagman was instrumental in the passage of landmark laws that strengthened human rights, social justice, and public welfare, including the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act, the Human Rights Victims Reparation and Recognition Act, the Anti-Torture Act, the Anti-Enforced or Involuntary Disappearance Act, and the abolition of the death penalty in the Philippines in 2006;

WHEREAS, as a tireless advocate for democracy and civil liberties, he led the opposition against repressive measures, fought for the enactment of the Freedom of Information Bill, the SOGIE Equality Bill, the Anti-Dynasty Bill, and the Divorce Bill, and remained an unwavering defender of the Constitution and the rule of law;

WHEREAS, his deep commitment to the rights and welfare of marginalized communities, including women, children, and human rights defenders, cemented his legacy as a fearless legislator who placed principles above politics;

WHEREAS, Representative Lagman was a staunch defender of historical truth and accountability, speaking out against the atrocities of martial law and the injustices committed against victims of human rights violations, a commitment shaped by the tragic fates of his brothers, Filemon and Hermon Lagman, who were victims of political violence;

WHEREAS, as the President of the Liberal Party since 2022, Representative Lagman provided leadership and direction to progressive forces in the Philippines, upholding the ideals of democracy, good governance, and social justice;

WHEREAS, as a senior representative, he helped shape the future of our Congress by mentoring the young legislators in the House of Representatives;

WHEREAS, the passing of Representative Lagman is an irreplaceable loss to the nation, and his unwavering commitment to the Filipino people serves as an enduring inspiration for future generations of public servants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines honors the life and legacy of Representative Edcel Castelar Lagman for his unparalleled contributions to Philippine society;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate extends its deepest condolences to the Lagman family, particularly to his children Krisel, Edcel Greco, Larah, Mahar, Mark, Karina, and Andre, and to all those whose lives he has touched through his decades of dedicated service.

*Adopted,*

  
MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPIDA  
Senator