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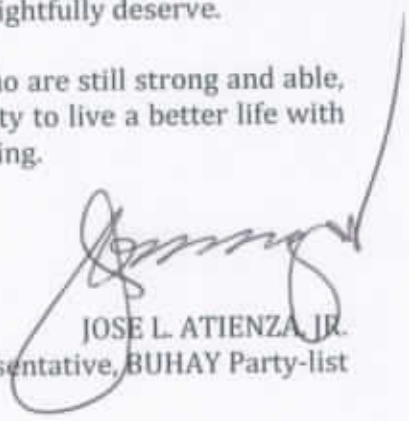
Our Filipino culture is distinct in our respect and care for our elderly. Where in other cultures, senior citizens are sent off to nursing homes instead of being cared for by their own families, we take care of our senior family members and give them the respect, love and attention they deserve.

This bill seeks to amend Republic Act 10868 - An Act Honoring and Granting Additional Benefits and Privileges to Filipino Centenarians by granting recognition and importance to our ninety-year-old Senior Citizens.

Our senior citizens are remarkable for their industry - continuing to contribute to their family and community even in their old age - as well their resilience in the face of adversity. We have a lot of nonagenarians who, in their advanced years, should be given the importance they rightfully deserve.

With this bill, many of our ninety-year-olds, who are still strong and able, can continue to enjoy life, and even get the opportunity to live a better life with their families with the cash gift that they will be receiving.

For approval.


JOSE L. ATIENZA, JR.
Representative, BUHAY Party-list

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AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS TWO AND FOUR OF R.A. 10868
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
"AN ACT HONORING AND GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND
PRIVILEGES TO FILIPINO NONAGENARIANS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in
the Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Section two of R.A. 10868 is further amended as follows:

"Sec. 2. *Letter of Felicitation and Cash Gift.* – All Filipinos who reach the age of NINETY (90 years old), NINETY-FIVE (95 years old) and one-hundred (100 years old), A RESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES, shall be honored with:

(a) "x x x"

(b) A cash gift in the amount of P50,000.00 for 90 years old, P50,000.00 when they reach 95 years old and another P100,000.00 when they reach 100 years old.

SECTION 2. Section four of R.A. 10868 is further amended as follows:

"Sec. 4. Older Surviving and Deceased Centenarians. – All living NONAGENARIANS and centenarians who reach the age of NINETY, NINETY-FIVE and one hundred (100) years old prior to the effectivity of this Act shall be honored on the celebration of the first National Respect for Centenarians Day or one hundred twenty (120) days after the effectivity of this Act, whichever comes earlier, in appropriate ceremonies which shall be observed as a national event. They shall each be awarded a plaque of recognition and the Cash Gift referred to in Section 2 hereof. In the same event, posthumous plaques of recognition in honor of deceased centenarians shall be presented to the nearest surviving relative of each centenarian.

SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause.* – This Act repeals all decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation, which shall not be later than seven (7) days after the approval thereof.

Approved.