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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 180



Introduced by REP. MA. GEORGINA P. DE VENECIA

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PASSING OF MR. ERMIN F.
GARCIA JR., DISTINGUISHED JOURNALIST, PUBLISHER, AND EDITOR**

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives joins the family and the people of Pangasinan in mourning the passing of Mr. Ermin F. Garcia Jr., a pillar of Philippine journalism, who died on July 23, 2025, at the age of seventy-seven (77);

WHEREAS, Mr. Ermin F. Garcia Jr. was best known as the Editor-Publisher of the Sunday Punch, the oldest community newspaper in Pangasinan, founded by his late father, Ermin Garcia, Sr., a courageous journalist who gave his life in the line of duty in 1966;

WHEREAS, upon inheriting the stewardship of the Sunday Punch, Mr. Ermin F. Garcia, Jr. dedicated himself to continuing this proud legacy, upholding fearless reporting and community-centered journalism that gave voice to the people of Pangasinan;

WHEREAS, his distinguished career extended to the national stage as he became Publisher of The Manila Times, one of the country's most respected newspapers, where he reinforced the ideals of a free and independent press, advancing the cause of truth, accountability, and democratic discourse;

WHEREAS, Mr. Ermin F. Garcia, Jr. also embraced the airwaves as the Publisher-Editor of iFM Dagupan, further demonstrating his commitment to informing, educating, and engaging the public across diverse platforms;

WHEREAS, his leadership in the media community went beyond the newsroom, as he served as President of the Philippine Travel Agencies Association and as Executive Director of the Philippine Press Institute, where he championed press

freedom, strengthened institutions, and worked to safeguard the professional standards of Philippine journalism;

WHEREAS, Mr. Ermin F. Garcia Jr. pursued his studies at the Ateneo de Manila University, where he obtained a degree in Behavioral Science, equipping him with the perspective and discipline that marked his career and personal life;

WHEREAS, throughout his decades of service, he was widely admired for his integrity, resilience, and devotion to the truth, qualities that earned him the respect not only of his colleagues in the media but also of his community in Pangasinan and the broader nation;

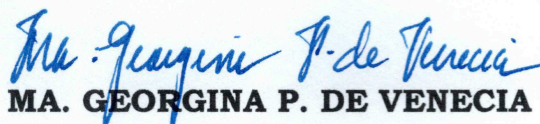
WHEREAS, he is remembered as a loving son, a proud Pangasinense, and a steadfast defender of responsible journalism, whose voice and pen were dedicated to uplifting the lives of others and guarding the values of freedom and democracy;

WHEREAS, his passing leaves a deep void in Philippine journalism and in the hearts of his family, colleagues, and the communities he served with passion and courage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives to express its profound condolences on the passing of Mr. Ermin F. Garcia Jr., and to honor his lasting legacy as a journalist, publisher, editor, broadcaster, and leader in the media profession;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of Mr. Ermin F. Garcia Jr. as a token of the deepest sympathy of the House of Representatives.

Adopted.


MA. GEORGINA P. DE VENECIA