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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 458

**Introduced by Representatives Faustino “Bojie” G. Dy III,
Ferdinand Alexander A. Marcos and Marcelino C. Libanan**

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF THE HONORABLE EDUARDO “EDDIEGUL” RIVERA GULLAS, FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE THIRD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF CEBU DURING THE SEVENTH CONGRESS AND OF THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF CEBU DURING THE NINTH, TENTH, ELEVENTH, THIRTEENTH, FOURTEENTH, FIFTEENTH AND EIGHTEENTH CONGRESSES

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2025, the Honorable Eduardo Rivera Gullas peacefully passed away at the age of 95;

WHEREAS, fondly called “*Eddiegul*” by his family, friends, and colleagues, Honorable Gullas was born on October 13, 1930 in Cebu City to parents, Vicente Gullas and Josefina Rivera, whose values and legacy shaped his lifelong dedication to public service and education;

WHEREAS, Honorable Gullas is survived by his beloved wife, Norma Selma-Gullas; their supportive son, Gerald Anthony Gullas; and their cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren;

WHEREAS, a distinguished lawyer and educator, Honorable Gullas completed his elementary education at the Zapatera Elementary School and his secondary education at the Abellana National High School in Cebu City; earned his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, graduating *cum laude* from the University of

Santo Tomas in 1951; obtained his Bachelor of Laws at the University of the Visayas in 1956, successfully passing the Bar the following year; and he was conferred the Doctor of Public Administration, *Honoris Causa*, by the Cebu Normal University;

WHEREAS, with over five decades of dedicated public service, Honorable Gullas served as Representative of the Third Legislative District of the Province of Cebu during the Seventh Congress from 1969 to 1972; Member of the Batasang Bayan for Region VII from 1976 to 1977; Governor of Cebu from 1976 to 1986; and as Representative of the First Legislative District of Cebu, during the Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Eighteenth Congresses from 1992 to 2001; 2004 to 2013; and 2019 to 2022;

WHEREAS, Honorable Gullas also served as Mayor of Talisay City from 2001 to 2004 and from 2016 to 2019; he was the principal author of Republic Act (RA) No. 8979, which converted the Municipality of Talisay into a component city on January 12, 2001, a milestone achieved during his tenure as a Member of the House of Representatives; and in 2004, founded the Talisay City College during his mayoralty, institutionalizing free and accessible education for underprivileged students in the locality;

WHEREAS, during his stint in the House of Representatives, Honorable Gullas held key leadership and committee positions, served as Deputy Speaker from 1998 to 1999; Majority Leader from 1999 to 2000; Head of the House Contingent to the Commission on Appointments during the Fourteenth Congress; Chairperson of the Special Committee on Land Use during the Eighteenth Congress; and Vice Chairperson of the Committees on Appropriations, Public Works and Highways, Foreign Affairs, Ethics and Privileges and Inter-Parliamentary Relations and Diplomacy;

WHEREAS, as a veteran lawmaker, Honorable Gullas principally authored and co-authored notable local and national legislations on environment, education, health and governance such as RA 9003, otherwise known as the "*Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000*"; RA 9486, otherwise known as the "*Central Cebu Protected Landscape Act of 2007*"; RA 8525, otherwise known as the "*Adopt-a-School Act of 1998*"; RA 7799, which established the Talisay District Hospital and RA 11473, which upgraded the Talisay District Hospital into the Cebu South Medical Center; RA 8979, otherwise known as the "*Charter of the City of Talisay*"; RA 9436, otherwise known as the "*Charter of the City of Carcar*"; and RA 9491, otherwise known as the "*Charter of the City of Naga*";

WHEREAS, beyond the realm of politics, the Honorable Gullas was widely recognized for his contributions to education and youth development, serving as President and Chairperson Emeritus of the University of the Visayas, the first university in Cebu, founded by his father, Vicente Gullas; and he was instrumental in advancing academic excellence in the region, notably as Executive Vice President and Dean of the Gullas Law School;

WHEREAS, as a respected leader, esteemed educator, and sportsman, Honorable Gullas garnered enduring distinction for his exemplary leadership, earning numerous accolades including Most Outstanding Jaycee Chapter President in 1964; Educator of the Year in 1964 by the Cebu Press Club; and Outstanding Basketball Coach of the Year in 1957 by the Philippine Sportswriters Association, in recognition of his national impact on athletic mentorship;

WHEREAS, throughout his public service, Honorable Gullas championed the advancement of public education, the strategic allocation of infrastructure funding, and the provision of quality healthcare for his constituents; and he was also a staunch advocate for the preservation of Philippine history, culture, and heritage, reflecting a lifelong commitment to nation-building beyond the legislative halls;

WHEREAS, the passing of Honorable Eduardo R. Gullas leaves an irreplaceable void and marks a profound loss to his family, friends, colleagues, and the Filipino people; nevertheless, his legacy endures far beyond the realm of politics, as he will long be remembered as a statesman of unwavering integrity, quiet humility, and enduring vision, a paragon of public service whose leadership uplifted generations of Cebuanos and whose contributions enriched the fabric of national life: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To express its profound condolences to the family of Honorable Eduardo "*Eddiegul*" Rivera Gullas, former Representative of the Third Legislative District of the Province of Cebu during the Seventh Congress and of the First Legislative District of Cebu during the Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Eighteenth Congresses.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished
the bereaved family.

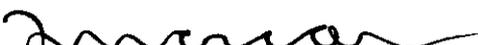
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