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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 481



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Introduced by TUCP Party-list  
REP. RAYMOND DEMOCRITO C. MENDOZA

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**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND HEARTFELT  
CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF  
THE HONORABLE EDUARDO R. ERMITA, FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF  
THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF BATANGAS DURING THE NINTH,  
TENTH, AND ELEVENTH CONGRESSES, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT GLORIA  
MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**

**WHEREAS**, on October 18, 2025, Honorable Eduardo R. Ermita passed away at the age of 90;

**WHEREAS**, fondly called “Ed” by his family and friend, Honorable Ermita was born on July 13, 1935 in Balayan, Batangas to parents Crisogono Ermita and Milagros Ramos;

**WHEREAS**, Honorable Ermita is survived by his wife, Elvira Ramos, and his children, Edwin, Ernestina, Eileen Ermita-Buhain, and Elisa Ermita- Abad, who continue to honor his legacy of public service and patriotism;

**WHEREAS**, Honorable Ermita graduated from the prestigious Philippine Military Academy (PMA), Baguio City in 1957; and pursued advanced military training abroad, including Ranger and Airborne Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, United States of America (USA) from 1960 to 1961; Unit Psychological Officers Course at John F. Kennedy Center in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, USA, from 1970 to 1971; and International Defense Management Course Resource Management Center at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, USA from 1978 to 1979;

**WHEREAS**, Honorable Ermita defended the nation against against separatist insurgents in Mindanao, and represented our nation as a member of the Philippine Civic Action Group in the Vietnam War, exemplifying valor and dedication to peace and security at home and abroad;

**WHEREAS**, Honorable Ermita rose to prominent positions within the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), serving as Deputy Chief of Staff from 1985 to 1986 and Vice Chief of Staff from 1986 to 1988, and in the Department of National Defense, serving as

Undersecretary from 1988 to 1991, Acting Secretary in 2001, and Secretary from 2003 to 2004, contributing significantly to the country's national defense and security policies;

**WHEREAS**, Honorable Ermita played a pivotal role in pursuing constructive negotiations between the Philippine Government and the leadership of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) which culminated in the historic 1996 Final Peace Agreement, a landmark milestone in the Bangsamoro peace process and a testament to his enduring legacy as a respected peacemaker;

**WHEREAS**, Honorable Ermita served as the Representative of the First Legislative District of Batangas for three consecutive terms during the Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh Congresses, wherein he chaired the House Special Committee on Peace Process and Integration, playing a key role in shaping national policy towards meaningful discourse to resolve internal armed conflicts and promote lasting national peace;

**WHEREAS**, Honorable Ermita principally authored Republic Act (RA) No. 7917, entitled "An Act Amending Section 8 of the Republic Act Numbered Seventy-Two Hundred and Twenty-Seven, Otherwise Known as the Bases Conversion and Development Act of 1992, Providing for the Distribution of Proceeds from the Sale of Portions of Metro Manila Military Camp, and for Other Purposes", RA 8220, entitled "An Act Creating the Ranks of Chief Master Sergeant/Master Chief Petty Officer in the Enlisted Ranks of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes", RA 8186, entitled "An Act Prescribing Officer Grade Distribution in the Active Force of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and Limiting the Tenure of Officers in the Grades of Colonel/Captain (PN) and General/Flag Officers in the AFP", and RA 9049, entitled "An Act Granting Monthly Gratuity and Privileges to an Awardee of the Medal of Valor, Providing Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes";

**WHEREAS**, Honorable Ermita served with distinction as Executive Secretary from 2004 to 2010, effectively leading the Cabinet of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo;

**WHEREAS**, Honorable Ermita was conferred the Gawad Kapayapaan Highest Distinction Award by the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, reconciliation, and Unity for his unwavering dedication to achieving just and lasting peace in the country; the Presidential Legion of Honor (Degree of Commander) for his exemplary and distinguished service in the AFP; and the Presidential Golden Heart Award for his instrumental role in advancing peace negotiations with the MNLF, reflective of his enduring legacy as a soldier, statesmen, and peacemaker;

**WHEREAS**, the passing of Honorable Ermita marks a profound loss not only to his beloved family, but to the nation he faithfully served; and he will be remembered as a steadfast defender of freedom and democracy, whose life was defined by courage, integrity, and unwavering dedication to public service, and whose invaluable contributions to peacebuilding shall remain enshrined as a lasting legacy to future generations:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to express the profound sympathy and heartfelt condolences of the House of Representative to the family of the Honorable Eduardo R. Ermita, former Representative of the First Legislative District of Batangas during the Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh Congresses and Executive Secretary under the administration of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that a copy of this resolution be given to the bereaved family.

Adopted,

  
**RAYMOND DEMOCRITO MENDOZA**  
*Representative, TUCP Party-list*