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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 490

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

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**RESOLUTION**

**EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF THE HONORABLE JUAN PONCE ENRILE, FORMER SENATE PRESIDENT AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN DURING THE NINTH CONGRESS**

**WHEREAS**, on November 13, 2025, Honorable Juan Ponce Enrile passed away at the age of 101;

**WHEREAS**, popularly known as “*JPE*,” and fondly called “*Manong Johnny*,” by his colleagues and friends, Honorable Enrile was born on February 14, 1924 in Gonzaga, Cagayan to parents, Petra Furagganan and Alfonso Ponce Enrile;

**WHEREAS**, Honorable Enrile is survived by his beloved wife, Cristina Castañer, together with their children, Katrina Ponce Enrile-Conolly and Juan C. Ponce Enrile Jr.;

**WHEREAS**, Honorable Enrile laid the foundation of his distinguished career upon a strong educational background, having completed an Associate in Arts degree from the Ateneo de Manila University, graduating *cum laude*, in

1949; obtained his Bachelor of Laws, *cum laude*, from the University of the Philippines in 1953, and placed 11<sup>th</sup> in the Bar Examinations for the same year; earned his Master of Laws with specialized training in International Taxation on a scholarship grant at Harvard University in Boston, United States of America in 1955; and he was conferred the honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the Manila Law College and Southwestern Univeristiy of Cebu;

**WHEREAS**, with his legal acumen and exemplary leadership, Honorable Enrile commenced his government service in 1966 under the administration of President Ferdinand E. Marcos, successively holding critical posts, including: Undersecretary of Finance; Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Philippine National Bank, and concurrent Acting Head of the Insurance Commission; Acting Commissioner of Customs; Acting Secretary of Finance, and concurrent Chairperson of the Monetary Board of the Central Bank of the Philippines; Secretary of Justice; and Secretary of National Defense, positions that placed him at the center of national decision making during a pivotal era in the country's political and institutional development; and in the twilight of his long public life, he completed his remarkable journey in government as Chief Presidential Legal Counsel to President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., son of the former president, thereby bringing to a close a historic and unparalleled legacy of service spanning multiple generations of leadership;

**WHEREAS**, demonstrating his commitment to national governance, Honorable Juan Ponce Enrile commenced his distinguished legislative career as Assemblyman representing Region II in the Interim Batasang Pambansa from 1978 to 1984, and subsequently served as Representative of the Province of Cagayan in the Regular Batasang Pambansa from 1984 to 1986, thereby marking a pivotal transition from executive leadership to active participation in legislative policymaking;

**WHEREAS**, as one of the principal figures in the 1986 EDSA People Power Revolution, Honorable Enrile played a historic role when he joined the call for political transition, contributing to the peaceful uprising that restored democratic institutions and reshaped the nation's political course;

**WHEREAS**, after the EDSA Revolution, Honorable Enrile continued his service to the Filipino people as Senator from 1987 to 1992; from 1995 to 2001;

and from 2004 to 2016, including as Senate President from 2008 to 2013; and served as Representative of the First Legislative District of the Province of Cagayan during the Ninth Congress from 1992 to 1995;

**WHEREAS**, Honorable Enrile's legislative contributions include Republic Act (RA) No. 8424, otherwise known as the "*Tax Reform Act of 1997*"; RA 9372, otherwise known as the "*Human Security Act of 2007*"; RA 7922, otherwise known as the "*Cagayan Special Economic Zone Act of 1995*"; RA 9406, entitled "*An Act Reorganizing and Strengthening the Public Attorney's Office (PAO), Amending for the Purpose Pertinent Provisions of Executive Order No. 292, Otherwise Known as the "Administrative Code Of 1987", as amended, Granting Special Allowance to PAO Officials and Lawyers, and Providing Funds Therefor*"; RA 9417, entitled "*An Act to Strengthen the Office of the Solicitor General, By Expanding and Streamlining its Bureaucracy, Upgrading Employee Skills and Augmenting Benefits, and Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes*"; RA 9700, entitled "*An Act Strengthening the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP), Extending the Acquisition and Distribution of All Agricultural Lands, Instituting the Necessary Reforms, Amending for the Purpose Certain Provisions of Republic Act No. 6657, Otherwise Known as the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988, as Amended, and Appropriating Funds Therefor*"; RA 10022, entitled, "*An Act Amending Republic Act No. 8042, Otherwise Known as the Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995, as Amended, Further Improving the Standard of Protection and Promotion of the Welfare of Migrant Workers, their Families and Overseas Filipinos in Distress, and for Other Purposes.*" RA 10365, entitled "*An Act Further Strengthening the Anti-Money Laundering Law, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 9160, otherwise Known as the "Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2001," as Amended*"; RA 10175, otherwise known as the "*Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012.*" RA 9745, otherwise known as the "*Anti-Torture Act of 2009*"; RA 9775, otherwise known as the "*Anti-Child Pornography Act of 2009*"; RA 9856, otherwise known as "*The Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) Act of 2009*"; RA 9994, otherwise known as the "*Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010*"; RA 10066, otherwise known as the "*National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009*"; RA 10149, otherwise known as the "*GOCC Governance Act of 2011*"; RA 10367, entitled "*An Act Providing for Mandatory Biometrics Voter Registration*"; and RA 10591, otherwise known as the "*Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition*

*Regulation Act*”; among others, each contributing to national development, strengthening laws, and promoting public accountability and good governance;

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of his exemplary and enduring service to the nation, Honorable Enrile had been the recipient of numerous prestigious honors, including the *Philippine Legion of Honor* in 1974; the *Mahaputra Adipradana Medal* conferred by the Government of Indonesia in 1975; the “*People of the Year*” award bestowed by People Asia magazine in 2011; and through Senate Resolution No. 225, adopted on November 26, 2024, the Senate of the Philippines formally honored former Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile for his invaluable contributions and distinguished achievements in public service and legislative leadership;

**WHEREAS**, demonstrating his steadfast commitment to civic engagement and professional excellence, Honorable Enrile actively participated in various esteemed organizations, including the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, the Knights of Rizal, the Philippine Constitutional Association, the Philippine Tax Institute, and the Harvard Club of the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, reflecting his profound insights on law, governance, politics, and national development, Honorable Enrile authored several notable works, including *Juan Ponce Enrile: A Memoir* (ABS-CBN Publishing, 2012); *Where There’s a Will* (Anvil Publishing, 1995); *Toward New Horizons*; *Martial Law as a Continuing Necessity*; *The Advent of a New Economic Climate*; and *Business and the New Society*, collectively offering valuable perspectives on his pivotal role in shaping Philippine political and economic discourse;

**WHEREAS**, beyond his official capacities, the Honorable Enrile was known for his resilience, intellect, and steadfast devotion to public service, having navigated the most challenging periods of Philippine history while advancing the strengthening of government institutions and safeguarding the welfare of the people;

**WHEREAS**, the nation mourns the loss of Honorable Juan Ponce Enrile, a statesman whose decades-long service shaped Philippine governance, a profound loss felt not only to his family, relatives, and friends, but also by the countless citizens whom he faithfully served: Now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,** To express the profound condolences to the family of Honorable Juan Ponce Enrile, former Senate President and Representative of the First Legislative District of the Province of Cagayan during the Ninth Congress.

**RESOLVED, FURTHER,** that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the bereaved Family.

Adopted,

  
**FAUSTINO "BOJIE" G. DY III**

  
**MARCELINO C. LIBANAN**

  
**FERDINAND ALEXANDER A. MARCOS**