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Introduced by Representative

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A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE LATE MARTIN OLONDRIZ TUASON, PRESIDENT, CHAIRMAN, AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF ARMSCOR GLOBAL DEFENSE, INC., FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PHILIPPINE DEFENSE INDUSTRY, HIS CHAMPIONSHIP OF FILIPINO-MADE DEFENSE CAPABILITIES, AND HIS LIFETIME OF SERVICE AS A TRUE PATRIOT OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR

WHEREAS, Martin Olondriz Tuason, born on 23 May 1974, served as the President, Chairman, and Chief Executive Officer of Armscor Global Defense, Inc. (AGDI) and Rock Island Armory (RIA), the Philippines' largest private firearms and ammunition manufacturer and one of the leading defense manufacturers in Asia;

WHEREAS, Mr. Tuason, who joined Armscor as a teenager and rose through the ranks, became the third-generation leader of the family enterprise established by his grandfather Don Celso Tuason and expanded by his father Demetrio "Bolo" Tuason, continuing a legacy of Filipino craftsmanship and innovation in the defense sector;

WHEREAS, upon assuming the presidency in 2012, Mr. Tuason transformed Armscor Global Defense into a globally competitive enterprise, leading the company to become recognized as one of the top ten firearms manufacturers worldwide and expanding its export footprint to more than 60 countries across six continents;

WHEREAS, under his leadership, Armscor and RIA produced over 200,000 firearms and hundreds of millions of rounds of ammunition annually, supplying both international markets and Philippine security forces, while modernizing its manufacturing facilities in Marikina and further establishing operations in the United States, including Nevada, Utah, and Montana;

WHEREAS, Mr. Tuason was a prominent and outspoken advocate of a strong, self-reliant Philippine defense industry, supporting the policy principles later enshrined in Republic Act No.

12024, the “Self-Reliant Defense Posture (SRDP) Revitalization Act,” and calling for the prioritization of Filipino-made defense products to strengthen national security and generate local jobs;

WHEREAS, recognizing the unique needs of Filipino soldiers and law enforcers, Mr. Tuason led the launch of RIA Defense, a homegrown defense brand that developed platforms such as the RD4P “Cobra” assault rifle and the RD1 multi-caliber pistol, designed with the input of former AFP and PNP personnel, engineers, and technical experts, and tailored to Philippine terrain and operational conditions;

WHEREAS, Armscor Global Defense, under his stewardship, played a meaningful role in the modernization of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), including the production of locally manufactured sidearms, rifles, and ammunition, as well as the company’s participation in the AFP Reserve Command as the 1st (Armscor) Arsenal Battalion (Reserve);

WHEREAS, beyond his industrial achievements, Mr. Tuason is remembered for his compassion and civic leadership, particularly through the Bigay Awa at Tanglaw sa mga Anghel (BATA) Foundation in Marikina City, which provides shelter, education, and care for underprivileged girls, reflecting his lifelong belief that business success must be accompanied by meaningful service to the community;

WHEREAS, Martin O. Tuason passed away on 19 November 2025 at the age of fifty-one, leaving behind a legacy of patriotism, industrial leadership, innovation, and service to the nation;

WHEREAS, his work significantly elevated the international reputation of Philippine-made defense products, strengthened the country’s defense-industrial base, generated Filipino employment, and inspired a new generation of local innovators and manufacturers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the House of Representatives honor and commend the late Martin Olondriz Tuason for his exemplary leadership, his passionate advocacy for Filipino-made defense capabilities, and his invaluable contributions to national security, industry, and community development.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the family of Mr. Martin O. Tuason and to Armscor Global Defense, Inc., as a symbol of the House’s collective gratitude and recognition.

ADOPTED this ____ day of November 2025, in the City of Manila, Philippines.



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