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for the late
Hon. Carlos M. Padilla

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**COMMENCEMENT OF
NECROLOGICAL SERVICE**

At 10:16 a.m. of Thursday, May 11, 2023, Deputy Speaker Camille A. Villar announced the commencement of the necrological service.

**OPENING REMARKS
OF DEPUTY SPEAKER VILLAR**

Deputy Speaker Villar said that the late Rep. Carlos M. Padilla was an Assemblyman for Nueva Vizcaya in the Interim Batasang Pambansa and continued through several terms to serve as Representative of the Lone District of Nueva Vizcaya during the 8th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 15th, and 16th Congresses, and had once served as Deputy Speaker and also as Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

She said that he will always be remembered as a Representative who championed the broadening of access to education, promotion of the welfare of public school teachers and indigenous peoples, and preservation of Philippine indigenous culture and heritage. Moreover, she said that his sterling legislative performance record earned him the recognition as the “Most Outstanding Congressman” in his last three terms in the House of Representatives.

Deputy Speaker Villar then directed the Secretary General to read the Order of Proceedings. (See Appendix)

INVOCATION

The Secretary General introduced Atty. Grace N. Andres to deliver the invocation.

INTERLUDE

Thereafter, the Secretary General introduced Ms. Mary Claire M. Buyco to render a song titled “In My Life” by The Beatles.

The Secretary General then introduced Hon. Feliciano Belmonte Jr., former Representative of the Fourth District of Quezon City and Speaker of the House during the 11th, 15th, and

16th Congresses to give a eulogy for the late Representative Padilla.

**EULOGY BY
FORMER SPEAKER BELMONTE**

Former Speaker Belmonte expressed immense sadness on the sudden passing of his friend and compatriot, the late Representative Padilla – a veteran lawmaker and parliamentarian par excellence whom he worked with in the 10th, 11th, 15th, and 16th Congresses. He recalled Representative Padilla’s friendship and support in securing the former’s victory as Speaker of the House during the 11th Congress and Mrs. Ruth Padilla’s assistance to head the Congressional Spouses Foundation Inc. (CSFI) during his term when none of his sons nor siblings could help him with the CSFI. He also described the late Congressman as soft-spoken but firm, respected, industrious, and reliable.

Despite their differences in political views, he said that their respect for each other and friendship never wavered and remained constant.

He then expressed his condolences and gratitude to the Padilla family and thanked them for sharing Representative Padilla with them; and said that he was proud and privileged to have known a builder, a statesman, and a man of honor.

Thereafter, the Secretary General introduced Hon. Jose C. de Venecia Jr., former Representative of Pangasinan and Speaker of the House during the 9th, 10th, 12th, 13th, and 14th Congresses to deliver his eulogy.

**EULOGY BY
FORMER SPEAKER DE VENECIA**

Honorable De Venecia initially stated that political careers of leaders are crowded with moments such as that day which is of transcendental recollection. He then reminisced the significant years devoted by Representative Padilla in the legislature that shaped the national discourse with

his ideas and convictions resulting in landmark pieces of legislation that chartered the course of Philippine history.

He conveyed that it is thus fitting and proper that they bid farewell to Representative Padilla, a renowned son of the Province of Nueva Vizcaya, and pay tribute to his legacy as mayor, congressman, and governor which will be etched forever in Philippine history. He then recalled the tenure of Representative Padilla in the House of Representatives wherein the latter served as Deputy Speaker, Minority Leader, and member of the Commission on Appointments (CA) and House of Representatives Electoral Tribunal (HRET), authored game-changing pieces of legislation such as providing free public school education, and various forms of government assistance to teachers and students in private schools, and penned laws creating the National Commission for Culture and the Arts as well as the Commission on the Filipino Language.

As he shared to the Body his time with Representative Padilla in Congress and their school days in Nueva Vizcaya, Honorable de Venecia stated that they all live in borrowed time and with no certainty for how long they will be in this world. He then enjoined everyone to contribute their modest share in building a better world and strive to make their fleeting presence a meaningful and lasting impact on the lives of the people.

Thereafter, the Secretary General introduced Hon. Edcel C. Lagman, incumbent Representative of the First District of Albay who had served during the 8th, 9th, 10th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 17th, and 18th Congresses, to deliver his eulogy.

EULOGY BY REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

Representative Lagman stated that his relationship with Representative Padilla began in the Eighth Congress, he being a neophyte legislator and the latter an already experienced lawmaker, having been elected to the Interim Batasang Pambansa. He characterized the Eighth Congress as among the most productive Congresses as major and historical laws were enacted during that time; and that Representative Padilla's full devotion to education, the Filipino language, culture, and the arts was indelibly manifested in the laws he had authored in line with his belief that education is the great equalizer for social and economic mobility and that the arts uplift man's mundane existence.

As he cited several statutes that Representative Padilla coauthored during the Eighth Congress, Representative Lagman stated that Representative Padilla participated brilliantly in the deliberations and skillfully navigated his way through the crucible of confrontations and the furnace of debates. He also authored pet bills of local importance which were enacted into law such as the Nueva Vizcaya State University and Philippine Science High School, Cagayan Valley Campus in Bayombong; was an ideal legislator as he actively participated in national policy making and at the same time, brought home the bacon to his constituents; was among the outstanding Opposition members of the House; was also a member of the CA and the HRET; and was among the few who excelled both as a Member of Congress and as a local chief executive as shown when he started his political career as mayor and current governor of the Province of Nueva Vizcaya at the time of his passing.

As he extended his condolences to the family of Representative Padilla, Representative Lagman assured that Congress will always memorialize the former's name and that his pedigree statutes will be richly installed in the firmament of Philippine legislation.

Thereafter, in lieu of former Rep. Satur C. Ocampo, the Secretary General introduced Hon. Rafael "Ka Paeng" V. Mariano, former Representative of Anakpawis Party-List during the 13th, 14th, and 15th Congresses, to deliver his eulogy.

EULOGY BY HONORABLE MARIANO

As they gathered together to pay their last respects to Representative Padilla, Honorable Mariano relayed that the former surpassed the challenges in each of the public office he held and the constituencies he had served. He also actively participated and represented the House in bilateral delegations in prominent international conferences such as the 64th Council Meeting for the Steering Committee of the Asian-Pacific Parliamentarians' Union (APPU), the 65th Council Meeting of APPU, and the 10th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF), among others. He underscored Representative Padilla's tireless and unrelenting efforts in the transformation of his lofty goals to remarkable accomplishments until the very end.

Honorable Mariano then affirmed that their presence in the gathering is a manifestation of

their appreciation of the sterling performance of Representative Padilla and how the positive changes reverberated in the lives of the people he had touched. He emphasized that Representative Padilla's legacy, inspiration, achievements, vision, and goals will not die with him but will forever remain in the hearts and minds of his constituents, colleagues, friends, family, and loved ones with pride and fondness.

As he thanked Representative Padilla for the chance to work closely with him, Honorable Mariano expressed his pride and honor to pay tribute to the former who will always be remembered as a humble, unassuming, and selfless man who unflinchingly dedicated the prime of his career to public service until his demise, with paramount commitment and sincerity; extended his condolences to his family; and prayed for the eternal repose of Representative Padilla's soul.

Thereafter, the Secretary General introduced Sir Gerardo V. Calderon, KGCR Supreme Commander, Knights of Rizal for his eulogy.

EULOGY BY MR. CALDERON

Mr. Calderon noted how the former lawmaker advocated Rizalism as a Filipino identity through Republic Act No. 646 and spearheaded the erection of the tallest statue of Gat. Jose Rizal in Nueva Vizcaya, which served as the late governor's Dapitan. Mr. Calderon then read a memorial from the Knights of Rizal expressing the brotherhood's recognition of the governor's patriotism and concern for the welfare of his countrymen, and stressed the vacuum created by his loss. He conveyed the mourning of the brotherhood and recounted their numerous meetings and trips with the late Governor Padilla, the spirited exchange about the life and writings of Dr. Jose Rizal as well as the plans they had for the group. Mr. Calderon also relayed their happy moments together with the former lawmaker and shared their common concerns about the issues besetting the nation.

In closing, Mr. Calderon assured that they will carry on the noble task of enlightening the people about the ideals of Gat Jose Rizal.

The Secretary General next introduced Rep. Samuel S. Verzosa Jr. from Party-List TUTOK TO WIN, a member of the UP-Alpha Phi Beta Fraternity, whose eulogy was read by Mr. Keith de Leon, Lord Chancellor of the Alpha Phi Beta Fraternity.

EULOGY BY REPRESENTATIVE VERZOSA

Mr. de Leon, on behalf of Representative Verzosa, said that the dash between the late Governor Caloy's date of birth and date of death represents his great accomplishments. He said that the late lawmaker was a fraternal brother in the Alpha Phi Beta Fraternity of the UP College of Law and was then the opponent of former Senator Leonardo "Leoni" Perez when they both ran as Assemblymen in 1984 which the former senator won. He added that the late Governor Caloy then ran and won the seat for the Lone District of Nueva Vizcaya in 1987 which paved the way for him to be called the "Legend of the North," enabling him to serve for 29 years in his district.

Finally, Mr. de Leon stated that the late governor personally helped TUTOK TO WIN Party-List secure a congressional seat, and thereafter expressed his gratitude as well as his deepest sympathy to the bereaved family of the late Governor Padilla.

The Secretary General next introduced Rep. Eduardo "Bro. Eddie" C. Villanueva from Party-List CIBAC for his eulogy.

EULOGY BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLANUEVA

Representative Villanueva said that one book would not be enough to list all the achievements of the late Representative Padilla. He relayed that the former Congressman was once an outstanding college professor at the Philippine College of Commerce (PCC), who happened to be one of his Economics professors, and was cited as one of the most outstanding student leaders in the country. Representative Villanueva added that the late Representative Padilla had a significant role, along with Dr. Nemesio "Doc" E. Prudente, in the rise of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines, when, as one of the leading radical students during his time, the former Deputy Speaker, together with Representative Villanueva, participated in the rally inside the Malacañang grounds to ask then President Ferdinand E. Marcos to provide a bigger school building for poor students of the then PCC.

Representative Villanueva described the late Congressman as not only nationalistic but also as one possessing a balanced point of view in life. He recalled the time they spent teaching the fisherfolk, laborers, and students of Obando, Bulacan, which experiences led him, later in life, to support measures,

as a lawmaker, that sought the alleviation of living conditions of the marginalized sectors of society.

Representative Villanueva said that he filed House Resolution No. 946, expressing the profound sympathy and sincere condolences of the House on the death of Governor Carlos Padilla who was a former Deputy Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, a principal author of several Republic Acts, and who initiated programs that would ensure a better future for the youth across the country. He credited the former lawmaker for the creation of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, the Commission on Filipino Language, and the establishment of 45 high schools in the Province of Nueva Vizcaya including the Philippine Science High School, Cagayan Valley Campus.

At this point, Representative Villanueva expressed hope that the Body will approve said resolution immediately.

Thereafter, stressing the grievous pain of losing a loved one as he recalled the deaths of his wife and daughter, he quoted passages from the Bible stating that God had appointed the death of all men and had the final say on their earthly existence. Pointing out that Representative Padilla had lived the life, had the heart of a true Christian, and had thus gone to the Lord in eternal bliss, Representative Villanueva then led the House Members and guests in the Session Hall in praying for the late Governor Padilla and his family.

The Secretary General next introduced Rep. Marcelino C. Libanan, Minority Leader of the 19th Congress and Representative of the Lone District of Samar during the 11th, 12th, and 13th Congresses and of the 4Ps Party-List in the 19th Congress, to deliver a eulogy for Representative Padilla.

EULOGY BY MINORITY LEADER LIBANAN

Minority Leader Libanan shared that Representative Padilla served his constituents in Nueva Vizcaya almost continuously since he became mayor of the then-undivided Municipality of Dupax until his passing, and was dedicated to his constituency, thus making him a consummate politician. Recalling their first meeting in the 11th Congress when he was the Justice Committee Chairman while Representative Padilla was the Minority Leader and their deepening friendship in the 12th Congress, he informed the Body that

Representative Padilla authored many important laws including House Bill No. 903 granting Philippine citizenship to Mahmoud A.M. Asfour, who had acknowledged the kindness of Filipinos after being saved by some of them when he met an accident in Jordan.

He then described Representative Padilla as a competent and hardworking person, politician, colleague, and patriot and thanked him and his family for giving their lives to the people and country in the name of public service.

Thereafter, the Secretary General introduced Sen. Robinhood C. Padilla to deliver a eulogy for Representative Padilla.

EULOGY BY SENATOR PADILLA

Senator Padilla initially shared about his history and personal association with the late Representative Padilla and emphasized how the latter had been an inspiration and guide to him and their family when it comes to public service. He then described Representative Padilla as a selfless public servant and an advocate for the marginalized sector.

Senator Padilla subsequently relayed his commitment to keep Representative Padilla's words of advice, and preserve and honor their family name. He then thanked Representative Padilla for his support during the last elections, and at the same time apologized for his shortcomings.

Thereupon, the Secretary General introduced Deputy Speaker Villar to read the eulogy by Speaker Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez.

EULOGY BY SPEAKER ROMUALDEZ (F.M.)

Quoting Pericles about legacy, Deputy Speaker Villar, on behalf of Speaker Romualdez, expressed honor to the memory of Representative Padilla, whom she described as a true public servant whose outstanding legacy has been woven into the lives of many peoples from different walks of life. She then continued to relay the sterling accomplishments of the late public servant who served meaningfully for five decades, most of which was spent as a legislator. She added that Representative Padilla was an ardent advocate of education, culture, environment, senior citizens and other disadvantaged groups; and thus, authored significant laws such as the Free Public Secondary Education Act of 1988, Philippine Nursing

Act of 2002, and the Universally Accessible Cheaper and Quality Medicines Act of 2008.

Deputy Speaker Villar relayed that Representative Padilla, as former deputy speaker and minority leader, exhibited such eloquence, optimism, and excellent leadership in stirring deliberations and guiding his colleagues towards a consensus. She also mentioned the late Member's valuable contributions as governor of Nueva Vizcaya which include, among others, the establishment of school buildings and implementation of crucial socio-economic programs.

Thereafter, Deputy Speaker Villar expressed Speaker Romualdez' honor in serving as a legislator during the 14th, 15th, and 16th Congresses, together with Representative Padilla, who the former described as a public servant with dedication, humility, integrity, compassion, and generosity. She then relayed the Speaker's heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of Representative Padilla.

INTERLUDE

Thereafter, the Secretary General introduced Mr. Rafael Gonzalo G. Garcia to render a song titled "Devoted to You" by the Everly Brothers.

The Secretary General then introduced the wife of Representative Padilla and former Nueva Vizcaya Governor, Mrs. Ruth R. Padilla, to give her response.

RESPONSE OF MRS. PADILLA

At the outset, Mrs. Padilla acknowledged the officials and staff present at the Plenary Hall, especially the members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Nueva Vizcaya who accompanied her family on their trip to the House of Representatives from said province, and thereafter expressed her utmost gratitude.

Subsequently, she recalled her last moments with her husband, the late Representative Padilla, and how she met the latter when she went to Nueva Vizcaya to render rural service before taking the nursing board exam. She next relayed how the late Representative had put emphasis on the importance

of education as she narrated what he went through in order to finish his schooling. She likewise shared the late Representative's love for the Bugkalot who are indigenous peoples from their province.

She then proceeded to thank all the previous speakers who gave eulogies for her husband, their friends and his former colleagues for their kind words, for sharing their beautiful experiences, for their love, trust, and support during the 29 wonderful years of his stay in the House of Representatives which she considers as their second home. She stressed that she will never forget the people who are part of this home.

The House of Representatives Secretariat showed a short video presentation commemorating the life of Representative Padilla.

At this point, the family of the late Honorable Padilla ascended the rostrum to accept the House mementos presented by Deputy Speaker Villar and Minority Leader Libanan.


Thereafter, as introduced by the Secretary General, the Philippine National Police Band played Mason's "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

CLOSING OF NECROLOGICAL SERVICE

Deputy Speaker Villar then announced the end of the necrological service.

It was 12:36 p.m. of Thursday, May 11, 2023.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


REGINALD S. VELASCO
Secretary General



Join us in honoring the life and legacy
of

Hon. Carlos M. Padilla

Assemblyman, Interim Batasang Pambansa
Representative, Lone District of Nueva Vizcaya
in the 8th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 15th, and 16th Congresses
Deputy Speaker, 11th Congress (January 2001-June 2001)
& 16th Congress
Minority Leader, 12th Congress

**The Necrological Service will be held
on May 11, 2023
after the Requiem Mass at 9:00 AM**

To join, please use the following details:



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ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

"IN MEMORIAM"

(Buenaventura)

PNP Band

INVOCATION

DSG Grace N. Andres

"IN MY LIFE"

(Beatles)

Ms. Mary Claire M. Buyco

EULOGY

Hon. Feliciano Belmonte Jr.

Hon. Jose C. De Venecia Jr.

Hon. Saturnino "Satur" C. Ocampo

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"DEVOTED TO YOU"

(Everly Brothers)

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RESPONSE

Mrs. Ruth R. Padilla

VIDEO PRESENTATION

AND THE OFFERING OF LEGISLATIVE MEMORABILIA

Hon. Marcelino C. Libanan

Hon. Camille A. Villar

"NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE"

(Lowell Mason)

PNP Band