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Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of July, two thousand twenty-five.

RESOLUTION NO. 67

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE HONORABLE EMILIO "MILING" DELA ROSA ESPINOSA JR., FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF MASBATE DURING THE FOURTH, FIFTH, AND SEVENTH CONGRESSES AND OF THE SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF MASBATE DURING THE ELEVENTH, TWELFTH, AND THIRTEENTH CONGRESSES

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2026, Honorable Emilio "Miling" dela Rosa Espinosa Jr. passed away at the age of 103;

WHEREAS, fondly called "Miling" by his family, colleagues and friends, Honorable Espinosa Jr. was born on December 23, 1922 in Cuyo, Palawan, to parents Emilio B. Espinosa and Maria dela Rosa Espinosa;

WHEREAS, Honorable Espinosa Jr. was a devoted husband to his spouse, Maria Fe M. Espinosa, and a loving father to their children, Nanette and Carla, and whose family life reflected his strong values and exemplary character;

WHEREAS, armed with exceptional intellect and outstanding leadership, Honorable Espinosa Jr. completed his elementary education at Masbate Elementary School; graduated high school as valedictorian from Masbate High School; earned his Bachelor of Arts in Literature degree from Ateneo de Manila University; and obtained his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, during the Japanese occupation, Honorable Espinosa Jr. distinguished himself as a valiant guerrilla leader, and in the years thereafter rose to prominence as a respected labor advocate, culminating in his election as Vice Chairperson of the inaugural Bicol Labor-Management Conference convened in Naga City;

WHEREAS, as a veteran public servant, Honorable Espinosa Jr. served the nation and the Province of Masbate with steadfast dedication for several decades, holding elective and key executive positions in the government, including Secretary of Labor from 1966 to 1967; Presidential Executive Assistant in Malacañang in 1969; Political Affairs Executive Assistant also in Malacañang from 1972 to 1976; Governor of the Province of Masbate from 1976 to 1978, from 1980 to 1986, and from 1988 to 1998; and as Representative of the Lone Legislative District of Masbate during the Fourth, Fifth and Seventh Congresses, and Representative of the Second Legislative District of Masbate during the Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth Congresses;

WHEREAS, as a Member of the House of Representatives, Honorable Espinosa Jr. served as Deputy Speaker during the Twelfth and Thirteenth Congresses, and as member of numerous House Committees, including the Committees on Agrarian Reform, Appropriations, Justice, Energy, Public Works and Highways, Tourism, Agriculture and Food, and Suffrage and Electoral Reforms, contributing significantly to the formulation of national policy and the exercise of legislative oversight;

WHEREAS, he authored and co-authored significant legislative measures that were enacted into law, including Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9239, otherwise known as the "Optical Media Act of 2003"; R.A. No. 9208, otherwise known as the "Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003"; and R.A. No. 8807, entitled "An Act Converting the Municipality of Masbate into a Component City of the Province of Masbate to be Known as the City of Masbate," reflecting his sustained commitment to local development, education, good governance, and public service;

WHEREAS, Honorable Espinosa Jr. had done so many remarkable contributions to the Province of Masbate and among his most enduring accomplishments was the founding of the Rodeo Masbateño Festival, a landmark cultural legacy that earned him the singular distinction of being hailed as the "Father of the Rodeo Masbateño," firmly establishing the Province of Masbate as the Rodeo Capital of the Philippines, coupled with his unwavering advocacy and steadfast commitment to the attainment of Masbate's cityhood;

WHEREAS, beyond the realm of legislation, Honorable Espinosa Jr. was esteemed as one of Masbate's longest-serving and most influential public figures, whose leadership extended across successive administrations and whose devoted service indelibly shaped the province's political, cultural, and socioeconomic landscape;

WHEREAS, in leaving an enduring legacy of leadership, together with lasting contributions to institutional and economic development, the nation solemnly mourns the passing of the Honorable Espinosa Jr., an eminent statesman whose life was marked by patriotism, resilience, intellect, devoted service, and unwavering dedication to the Filipino people: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives, To express its profound condolences to the family of the late Honorable Emilio "Miling" dela Rosa Espinosa Jr., former Representative of the Lone Legislative District of the Province of Masbate during the Fourth, Fifth and Seventh Congresses and of the Second Legislative District of the Province of Masbate during the Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth Congresses.*


*Resolved, further,* That a copy of this Resolution be given to the family of the Honorable Emilio “Miling” Espinosa Jr.

Adopted,



FAUSTINO “BOJIE” G. DY III  
*Speaker*

This Resolution, in consolidation with House Resolution No. 710, was adopted by the House of Representatives on February 11, 2026.



CHELOY E. VELICARIA-GARAFIL  
*Secretary General*

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