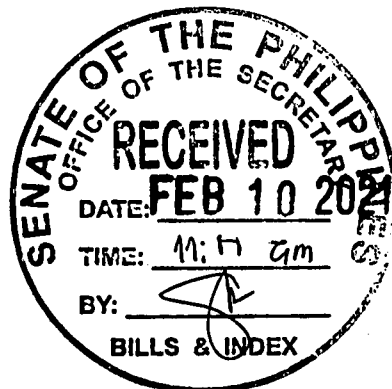


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P.S. Res. No. 643



Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF FORMER REPRESENTATIVE AND MAYOR JAMES "BONG" GORDON JR.

WHEREAS, the Honorable James "Bong" Juico Gordon Jr., a distinguished legislator, dedicated public servant, and loving husband, father, and brother, passed away on Tuesday, 10 February 2021, at the age of 73;

WHEREAS, he was born on 1 October 1947, to a family of public servants, the son of Mayor James Leonard Gordon and Mayor Amelia Juico Gordon, and younger brother of Senator Richard J. Gordon;

WHEREAS, his first foray into public service was as a Subic Bay volunteer and then City Councilor, he then served as the Representative of the First District of Zambales from 1995 to 2004, before serving as a three-term Mayor of Olongapo City from 2004 to 2013;

WHEREAS, in his time as Mayor, he ably maintained his father's legacy of excellent urban management and topnotch peace and order ratings for Olongapo City;

WHEREAS, he was particularly dedicated to disaster response, volunteering during the Pinatubo eruption of 1991, and, as Mayor, prioritizing Olongapo City's disaster preparedness, response, and recovery practices, to guard against the many calamities that threaten the hazard-prone city;

WHEREAS, he envisioned and worked toward the expansion of the Subic Bay Freeport Zone, to strengthen the local economy and provide more employment and business opportunities for local residents;

WHEREAS, he had a talent and passion for music, and he performed with his singing group called Houseboys, formed while he was in Congress, and with his band Bonggo, with whom he released a record called *Fighting for Excellence*, which was certified Gold by the Philippine Association of the Record Industry;

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, former Vice Governor of Zambales Anne Marie C. Gordon, and their daughter Amelia Jane;

WHEREAS, the passing away of a kind and dedicated public servant, who had established standards of excellence in and devotion to public service, is a great loss to the City of Olongapo: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, To express, as it hereby expresses, its profound sympathy and sincere condolences on the death of former Representative and Mayor James "Bong" Gordon Jr.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the bereaved family of the late Mayor James "Bong" Gordon Jr..

Adopted,


JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI
Majority Leader