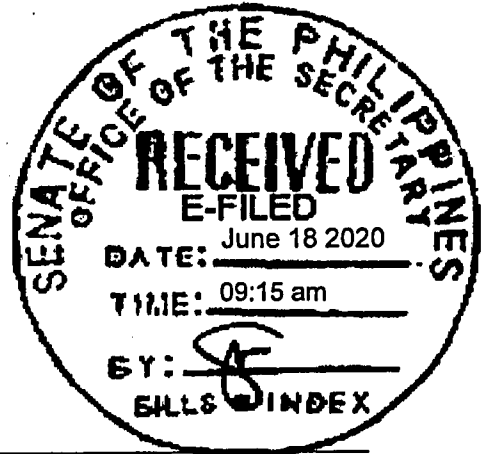


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Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

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**RESOLUTION**

**EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF EDUARDO "DANDING" M. COJUANGCO, JR., CHAIRMAN AND CEO OF SAN MIGUEL CORPORATION, FORMER DIPLOMAT AND PUBLIC SERVANT**

1 WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines has, on numerous occasions,  
2 recognized and honored distinguished Filipinos for their important contribution to their  
3 respective fields and for their positive impact and influence in the development of our  
4 society;

5 WHEREAS, Eduardo "Danding" M. Cojuangco, Jr., a former diplomat, public  
6 servant, industrialist, businessman, and sports patron, died on 16 June 2020, just a  
7 few days after he celebrated his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday;

8 WHEREAS, he is a well-known and respected businessman who served as  
9 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of San Miguel Corporation, considered as the  
10 biggest food and beverage corporation in the Philippines and Southeast Asia, whose  
11 several businesses include San Miguel Brewery, Inc., the oldest brewery in Southeast  
12 Asia and the largest beer producer in the Philippines, and Ginebra San Miguel, Inc.,  
13 the largest gin producer in the world by volume<sup>1</sup>;

14 WHEREAS, under his stewardship, San Miguel Corporation greatly expanded  
15 and transformed into a highly diversified conglomerate with valuable investments in

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.sanmiguel.com.ph/article/food-and-beverages>

1 infrastructure, power and energy, oil refining and marketing, real estate, banking,  
2 among others;

3 WHEREAS, he and the companies he led engineered and supported economic  
4 growth of the country, provided thousands of jobs to Filipinos over the years, created  
5 opportunities towards the empowerment of communities, and committed to social  
6 development initiatives and charities;

7 WHEREAS, he was a public servant, who began his political career in his  
8 hometown in Paniqui, Tarlac as a Councilor, rose up the ranks and served as Municipal  
9 Vice Mayor, and eventually as Provincial Governor<sup>2</sup>;

10 WHEREAS, he was also appointed as ambassador to the United States of  
11 America by former President Ferdinand Marcos;

12 WHEREAS, he founded and sat as Chairman Emeritus of the Nationalist Peoples'  
13 Coalition (NPC), a "principled, progressive and compassionate political party that  
14 promotes national pride, builds national unity and advances national interest," and  
15 advocates "meaningful social changes and economic innovations<sup>3</sup>;"

16 WHEREAS, he guided the political party into becoming a relevant and active  
17 partner in nation-building, especially in improving the quality of lives of the people;"

18 WHEREAS, he was a steadfast supporter of basketball, who owned three teams  
19 in the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) such as San Miguel Beermen, Barangay  
20 Ginebra San Miguel, and Magnolia Hotshots, and was a top benefactor of the De La  
21 Salle Green Archers men's basketball team in the University Athletic Association of the  
22 Philippines (UAAP)<sup>4</sup>;

23 WHEREAS, he was the force behind the creation and triumph of national  
24 basketball teams, which represented the country in international tournaments such as  
25 the Southeast Asian Games, Jones Cup, and Asian Basketball Confederation  
26 Championship and brought home glory, pride and honor<sup>5</sup>;

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<sup>2</sup> "Danding re-registers as voter in Tarlac." Published September 21, 2003. Accessed on June 17, 2020 through <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2003/09/21/221441/danding-re-registers-voter-tarlac>

<sup>3</sup> Nationalist Peoples' Coalition Party Manifesto. <https://npcparty.org/manifesto/>

<sup>4</sup> "Danding Cojuangco, tycoon and political kingpin, dies at 85. Published on June 17, 2020. Accessed on June 17, 2020 through <https://www.rappler.com/nation/264031-danding-cojuangco-dies>

<sup>5</sup> "Danding Cojuangco, SMC chairman and basketball godfather, dies at 85." Accessed on June 17, 2020 through <https://www.spin.ph/basketball/danding-cojuangco-smc-chairman-basketball-godfather-dies-at-85-a1374-20200617>

1           WHEREAS, his invaluable contribution to the beloved sport is most evident  
2 when he was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 2007, and the sports community  
3 widely recognized him as the Godfather of Philippine Basketball;

4           WHEREAS, his successes, undeniable influence and significant contribution in  
5 the fields of business, politics, sports, and public service left a lasting and positive  
6 mark in Philippine history and society;

7           WHEREAS, his passing is a great loss, not only to his bereaved family, but to  
8 the nation as well;

9           NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to  
10 express profound sympathy and sincere condolences of the Senate of the Philippines  
11 on the death of Eduardo "Danding" M. Cojuangco, Jr., Chairman and CEO of San  
12 Miguel Corporation, former diplomat and public servant.

13           RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the  
14 bereaved family of the late Eduardo "Danding" M. Cojuangco, Jr.

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16           *Adopted,*

  
**RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.**