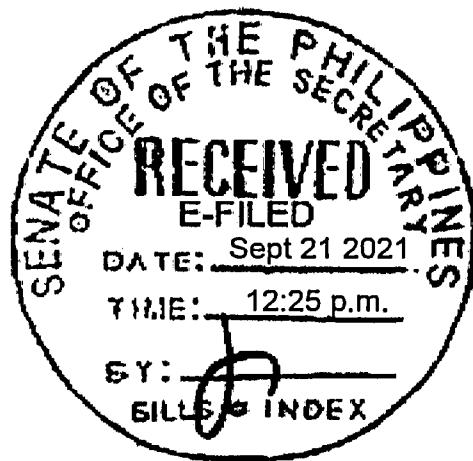


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**RESOLUTION
HONORING THE LATE FORMER SOCIAL WELFARE AND
DEVELOPMENT SECRETARY CORAZON “DINKY” JULIANO-SOLIMAN
FOR HER INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIELD OF SOCIAL
WORK AND THE COUNTRY AS A DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVANT
EXEMPLIFIED BY HER LIFELONG CRUSADE TO UPLIFT THE QUALITY
OF LIFE OF THE POOREST AND MOST VULNERABLE SECTORS OF
SOCIETY**

1 WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has always honored and paid its respects to
2 remarkable Filipinos for their outstanding legacy and service to the people;

3 WHEREAS, on Sunday, September 19, her family announced that former Social
4 Welfare and Development Secretary and longtime social worker Corazon “Dinky”
5 Juliano-Soliman had passed away at the age of 68 due to complications from renal and
6 heart failure;¹

7 WHEREAS, Sec. Dinky, who hailed from Tarlac, obtained her bachelor's degree
8 and graduate degree in social work from the University of the Philippines-Diliman,
9 and another master's degree in public administration at the Kennedy School of
10 Government at Harvard University;²

11 WHEREAS, she spent decades in social work and activism, including
12 organizing and training grassroots organizations of peasants and the urban poor
13 across the country. Her skills in participatory methods, capacity building and creative

¹ Rappler.com. (19 September 2021). *Former DSWD secretary Dinky Soliman dies, 68.* Retrieved 20 September 2021, from <https://www.rappler.com/nation/former-dswd-secretary-dinky-soliman-dies>

² *Ibid.*

1 approaches to problems have benefited the marginalized, non-governmental
2 organizations (NGOs) and the government;³

3 WHEREAS, the public has known her signature single-streaked hair color,
4 which Sec. Dinky attributes to the causes she fights for and a symbol of “good vibes”.
5 She made a name for herself as a civil society leader, a reformist in the field of social
6 welfare where its programs are anchored on evidence-based policy making, planning,
7 and evaluation and a crusader against corruption in government;⁴

8 WHEREAS, Sec. Dinky first headed the Department of Social Welfare and
9 Development (DSWD) during the administration of President Gloria Macapagal-
10 Arroyo. However, she later resigned, along with other Cabinet officials and heads of
11 agencies collectively known as the “Hyatt 10,” when President Arroyo was accused of
12 fraud in the 2004 presidential elections or the “Hello, Garci” scandal, in July 2005;⁵

13 WHEREAS, in her four years at the DSWD during President Arroyo’s term, Sec.
14 Dinky launched the Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan-Comprehensive and Integrated
15 Delivery of Social Services (KALAHI-CIDDS), a poverty alleviation program which
16 empowered barangays and communities in target municipalities;⁶

17 WHEREAS, in 2010, Sec. Dinky was appointed again as the DSWD Secretary of
18 then-President Benigno S. Aquino III and headed the Human Development and
19 Poverty Reduction Cabinet Cluster;⁷

20 WHEREAS, as DSWD Secretary, Sec. Dinky steered the government’s flagship
21 poverty alleviation program, the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), which
22 was initiated by the Arroyo administration but was massively expanded and further
23 developed under the Aquino administration. Likewise, Sec. Dinky accelerated other
24 social welfare programs such as the Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP), and the
25 Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan- Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social
26 Services - National Community- Driven Development Program (KC-NCDDP). She also

³ *Ibid*

⁴ Mercado, N. A. (19 September 2021). *Dinky Soliman, former Social Welfare secretary and civil society leader, dies*. Retrieved 20 September 2021, from <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1489719/dinky-soliman-former-social-welfare-secretary-and-civil-society-leader-dies>

⁵ Rappler.com. (19 September 2021). *Former DSWD secretary Dinky Soliman dies, 68*. Retrieved 20 September 2021, from <https://www.rappler.com/nation/former-dswd-secretary-dinky-soliman-dies>

⁶ <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1489975/dinky-soliman-small-woman-with-a-big-heart-68>

⁷ Rappler.com. (19 September 2021). *Former DSWD secretary Dinky Soliman dies, 68*. Retrieved 20 September 2021, from <https://www.rappler.com/nation/former-dswd-secretary-dinky-soliman-dies>

1 helped lead the disaster response and massive rehabilitation efforts in the aftermath
2 of Super Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) that devastated Eastern Visayas;⁸

3 WHEREAS, Sec. Dinky has also been recognized on the international stage for
4 her exemplary public service. In 2015, she received an award for leadership in social
5 accountability from the Global Partnership for Social Accountability (GSPA). She was
6 among those who were recognized by the World Bank for “promoting social
7 accountability as a means to eradicate poverty and promote inclusive growth” in their
8 countries;⁹

9 WHEREAS, during her stint as Social Welfare Secretary, the 4Ps and KC-
10 NCDDP programs where commended and cited as one of the best practices in social
11 welfare programs by the World Bank and Asian Development Bank;

12 WHEREAS, colleagues have described Soliman as indefatigable and consistent,
13 despite the challenges of her work and even at the risk of her own health. While her
14 stint in government was not without criticism, people who closely worked with her
15 attested that her efforts were deeply rooted in a commitment to uplifting the poor as a
16 “social worker by heart”;¹⁰

17 WHEREAS, Sec. Dinky left nothing materially but so much in the respectful
18 affection of all who worked, dreamed and fought with her causes and advocacies. Her
19 passing ends a chapter in the country’s civil society sector. Her untimely death as an
20 exemplary public servant and social worker, the first responder on the ground and the
21 last person to leave the disaster-stricken area, is a great loss to the Filipino people and
22 the nation as well, particularly in this time of crisis and upheaval;

23 WHEREAS, Sec. Dinky’s legacy will go down in Filipino history as that of a
24 champion of social justice and democracy. Her passionate love and steadfast
25 commitment to serve the poorest and most marginalized of Filipinos and improve

⁸ *Ibid.*

⁹ ABS-CBN News. (14 May 2015). *Soliman cited by WB for leadership in social accountability*. Retrieved 20 September 2021, from <https://news.abs-cbn.com/global-filipino/05/13/15/soliman-cited-wb-leadership-social-accountability>

¹⁰ Enano, J. O. (20 September 2021). *Dinky Soliman, 68: ‘Small woman with a big heart’*. Retrieved 20 September 2021, from <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1489975/dinky-soliman-small-woman-with-a-big-heart-68>

1 their quality of life through meaningful social reforms should serve as a benchmark for
2 any aspiring public servant;

3 WHEREAS, it is only proper to recognize Sec. Dinky's contributions to public
4 service and honor her for her exemplary work, dedication, and commitment towards
5 combatting poverty and inequality in Philippine society;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, to honor the late
7 former Social Welfare and Development Secretary Corazon "Dinky" Juliano-Soliman
8 for her invaluable contributions to the field of social work and the country as a
9 distinguished public servant exemplified by her lifelong crusade to uplift the quality of
10 life of the poorest and most vulnerable sectors of society.

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