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Introduced by Senator WIN GATCHALIAN

RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THE HONORABLE JOSE DE VENECIA JR. AND EXPRESSING THE DEEPEST SYMPATHIES AND CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF THE FORMER SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND VENERABLE STATESMAN

1 WHEREAS, on February 10, 2026 the Honorable Jose de Venecia Jr. ("JDV"),
2 the venerable statesman and indomitable figure of Philippine history, passed away at
3 the age of 89;

4 WHEREAS, as a proud son of Dagupan, Pangasinan, JDV served with honor and
5 virtue as the Representative of the 2nd District of Pangasinan from 1969 to 1972, and
6 as Representative of the 4th District of Pangasinan from 1987 to 1998 and again from
7 2001 to 2010;

8 WHEREAS, JDV holds the distinction as the longest-serving Speaker of the
9 House of Representatives in the modern era, providing ardent guidance and direction
10 to the House of Representatives as its leader during the Ninth, Tenth, Twelfth,
11 Thirteenth, and Fourteenth Congresses of the Philippines;

12 WHEREAS, the tenure of JDV as Speaker of the House of Representatives was
13 marked by his ability to form broad and effective ruling majorities across party lines
14 in furtherance of the respective legislative agenda of the Ramos and Macapagal-Arroyo
15 administrations;

16 WHEREAS, JDV spearheaded the passage of numerous landmark laws,
17 including the Dollar Remittance Program, the Bases Conversion and Development Act,

1 the Build-Operate-Transfer Law, the Philippine Economic Zone Act, and the New
2 Central Bank Act;

3 WHEREAS, JDV was a steadfast champion for peace and reconciliation who
4 directly engaged with successionist and rebel groups such as the Moro National
5 Liberation Front, the Reform the Armed Forces Movement, and the New People's
6 Army, making progress towards true and lasting peace in the process;

7 WHEREAS, JDV's influence extended to the international stage, where he
8 advanced political development and interparliamentary cooperation as a founder of
9 organizations such as the International Conference of Asian Political Parties, the Asian
10 Parliamentary Assembly, the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace,
11 and the Asian Peace and Reconciliation Council;

12 WHEREAS, JDV has left an impeccable legacy of service to the public and
13 dedication to our Republic – a legacy that will long be etched in the hearts of the
14 Filipino people;

15 WHEREAS, JDV's storied career in public service will serve as an exemplar for
16 generations of Filipino public servants to come;

17 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate
18 honor the life and legacy of the Honorable Jose de Venecia Jr., former Speaker of the
19 House of Representatives and venerable statesman, and express its deepest
20 sympathies and condolences to the family and loved ones of the dearly departed JDV.

Adopted,



WIN GATCHALIAN