

Republic of the Philippines CITY COUNCIL City of Manila

REGULAR SESSION NO. 8

12TH CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 131 Series of 2022

RESOLUTION EXTENDING PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF HIS EXCELLENCY, FIDEL VALDEZ RAMOS, THE 12TH PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 31, 2022 AT AGE 94

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and

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WHEREAS, former Philippine President Fidel Valdez Ramos, who oversaw a rare period of steady growth and peace that won him the reputation as one of the country's most effective leaders ever, has died aged 94;

WHEREAS, Fidel Valdez Ramos, popularly known as FVR, was born on March 18, 1928, in Lingayen, Pangasinan to Narciso Ramos, a former member of the House of Representatives and Secretary for Forreign Affairs and Angela Valdez, an educator;

WHEREAS, FVR obtained his degree in Civil Engineering at National University in Manila, earned a Bachelor of Science in Military Engineering Degree in the United States Military Academy, a Master's Degree in National Security Administration, Business Administration and received 29 honorary doctorate degrees;

WHEREAS, Fidel V. Ramos was the only career military officer who reached the rank of five-star general/admiral de jure who rose from second lieutenant up to commander-in-chief of the armed forces. Ramos was a member of the Philippines' 20th Battalion Combat Team of the Philippine Expeditionary Forces to Korea (PEFTOK) that fought in the Korean War. He was an Infantry Reconnaissance Platoon Leader. Ramos served at the Vietnam War as a non-combat civil military engineer and Chief of Staff of the Philippine Civil Action Group (PHILCAG);

WHEREAS, FVR was married to Amelita Martinez and together were blessed with five daughters: Angelita Ramos-Jones, Josephine Ramos-Samartino, Carolina Ramos-Sembrano, Cristina Ramos-Jalasco, and Gloria Ramos;

WHEREAS, the late former Chief Executive is also known as "Steady Eddie" for his unflappable demeanor during the country's regular moments of upheaval, he was frequently pictured chewing unlit cigars as he led the Philippines between 1992 and 1998;

WHEREAS, President Ramos advocated party platforms as outline and agenda for governance. He was the first Christian Democrat to be elected in the country, being the founder of Lakas-CMD (Christian-Muslim Democrats Party). He was one of the most influential leaders and the unofficial spokesman of liberal democracy in Asia. FVR, a military general himself, made peace with the rebel panels. He was instrumental in the signing of the final peace agreement between the government and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) in 1996;

WHEREAS, FVR leaves behind a colorful legacy and a secure place in history for his participation in the great changes of our country, both as military officer and chief executive and under his administration, the Philippines enjoyed economic growth and stability, when our county was dubbed as "Tiger Economy in Asia";

WHEREAS, President Fidel V. Ramos supports the transformation of the country's political system from the Philippine presidential-bicameral-system into a unicameral parliament in transition to a federal form. A firm backer of the proposed Philippine Reproductive Health bill. A member of the Global Leadership Foundation, an organization which works to support democratic leadership, prevent and resolved conflict through mediation and promote good governance in the form of democratic institutions, open markets, human rights and the rule of law. It does so by making available, discreetly and in confidence, the experience of former leaders to today's national leaders;

WHEREAS, the government has declared July 31 to August 9, 2022 as national days of mourning for former President Fidel V. Ramos recognizing that his death is a great loss to our country and the Filipino people: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to extend, as it hereby extends profound sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of His Excellency, Fidel Valdez Ramos, the 12th president of the republic who passed away on July 31, 2022 at age 94; and be it FURTHER

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished the family of the late President.

PRESIDED BY:

JOHN MARVIN C Yul Servo" NIETO
Vice-Mayor and Presiding Officer
City Council, Manila

This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on August 2, 2022.

ATTESTED:

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OIC-Office of the Assistant Secretary to the City Council

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