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RESOLUTION NO. 179

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND
CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PASSING OF
MR. RICARDO "RICKY" F. LO

WHEREAS, Mr. Ricardo "Ricky" F. Lo, a prominent name in Philippine show business and journalism, passed away on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at the age of 75;

WHEREAS, Mr. Lo was born in Las Navas, Northern Samar where he completed his elementary schooling. He obtained his high school diploma from the bilingual Tabaco Pei Ching School in Tabaco, Albay. It was during this time that he started to

write and began to discover a profound interest in newspapers and magazines. In 1969, he graduated from the University of the East with a college degree in AB English;

WHEREAS, Mr. Lo started his career as an editorial assistant of *Variety* magazine, which was the Sunday supplement of the old *The Manila Times*. It was here that he started the now-famed “FunFare” column. He then joined the *Philippine Daily Express*, first as a staff writer of its supplementary *Express Week* magazine and later as deskman of the main broadsheet, *The Evening Express*. He was thereafter promoted to editorial assistant at the publisher’s Sunday magazine *Weekend*, a post he held until 1986;

WHEREAS, following his stint as an entertainment editor, Mr. Lo moved to *The Philippine Star*, bringing with him his “FunFare” column and setting up a new regular Sunday feature called “Conversations with Ricky Lo”. This section eventually became notable for carrying groundbreaking pieces, where celebrities shared, for the first time, personal stories and anecdotes that delighted readers, owing to Mr. Lo’s prowess as an interviewer and entertainment journalist;

WHEREAS, Mr. Lo’s work ethic and unique skill set eventually put him on the television spotlight, first as one of the hosts of the showbiz-oriented talk show “The Buzz” on ABS-CBN. He later transferred to GMA-7 to host the show “Startalk” from 2008 to 2015 and “CelebriTV” from 2015 to 2016. He also served as a hosting talent for other showbiz-oriented programs such as “The Ricky Lo Exclusives” and “Showbiz Stripped”;

WHEREAS, through his sheer will, hard work, and undeniable talent and charisma, Mr. Lo, throughout his storied career, undoubtedly left a mark not only in the worlds of show business and journalism, but also in the hearts of the many Filipino readers and television viewers who sought his work and found leisurely joy and light amusement: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, To express its profound sympathies and sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Ricardo "Ricky" F. Lo, a credible and prolific writer and a respected journalist whose contributions to the field of entertainment have touched the hearts of journalists, celebrities, and fans.

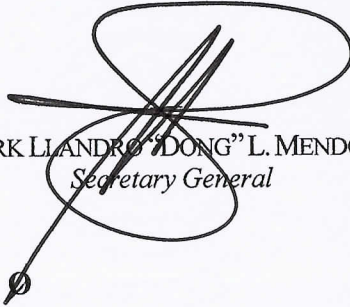
Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the bereaved family.

Adopted,



LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO
Speaker

This Resolution, in consolidation with House Resolution No. 1765, was adopted by the House of Representatives on June 2, 2021.



MARK LLANDRO "DONG" L. MENDOZA
Secretary General