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RESOLUTION NO. 297

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE
PASSING OF MS. GLORIA SEVILLA

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2022, Ms. Gloria Sevilla, known as the “Queen of Visayan Movies” and a multi-awarded veteran actress, passed away at the age of 90 in Oakland Hills, California;

WHEREAS, Ms. Gloria Sevilla was born on January 31, 1932 in Cebu City;

WHEREAS, at the age of 14, Ms. Gloria Sevilla was discovered after winning at a high school oratorical contest at the University of the Visayas in Cebu City. She was thereafter

introduced as the titular Muslim royalty in the movie *Princesa Tirana* in 1951 opposite her “showbiz crush”, Mr. Mat Ranillo Jr., who became her first husband;

WHEREAS, in her early years, Ms. Gloria Sevilla acted in Visayan-language films such as *Badlis sa Kinabuhi*, which won her a best actress trophy from FAMAS, the Filipino Academy of Movie Arts and Sciences, in 1969;

WHEREAS, Ms. Gloria Sevilla received numerous awards in her career as best actress and best supporting actress for *Maestra, M: Mother’s Maiden Name*, *Madugong Paghihiganti*, and *Gimingaw Ako*. Additionally, Ms. Gloria Sevilla received numerous nominations for her brilliant turn in films like *Minsa’y Isang Gamu-Gamu*, *Boy Golden*, *Banaue*, *Tatlong Mukha ni Pandora*, *Kami’y Kaawaan*, *Dodong Ko*, *Sapang Palay* and *Ito Ang Pilipino*;

WHEREAS, in 1974, Ms. Gloria Sevilla was named Best Actress in a back-to-back win with her daughter Suzette, who used the screen name Nadia Veloso, as Best Supporting Actress for the Visayan film *Gimingaw Ako*, directed by Ms. Sevilla’s second husband, the late Mr. Amado Cortez;

WHEREAS, years after the death of Mr. Mat Ranillo Jr. in a plane crash in 1969, Ms. Gloria Sevilla married Mr. Amado Cortez, who later became a Philippine Ambassador;


WHEREAS, as an active Board Member of the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB), Ms. Gloria Sevilla was reviewing Filipino films and TV shows from her California home until three days before her demise;

WHEREAS, Ms. Gloria Sevilla was best known, until recently, as the kind-hearted mayordoma Manang Fe in the top-rating comedy-drama *Be Careful With My Heart*: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, To express its profound sympathies and sincere condolences to the family of Ms. Gloria Sevilla, for her invaluable contribution to Philippine cinema and for championing everything Filipino.

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

Adopted,



LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO
Speaker

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on May 23, 2022.



MARK LLANDRO "DONG" E. MENDOZA
Secretary General

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