

H. Res. No. 2587  
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Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of July, two thousand twenty-one.

RESOLUTION NO. 289

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND  
CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PASSING OF  
MS. JESUSA PURIFICACION LEVY SONORA-POE,  
MORE POPULARLY KNOWN AS MS. SUSAN ROCES

WHEREAS, Ms. Jesusa Purificacion Levy Sonora-Poe, more belovedly known as Susan Roces, the "Queen of Philippine Movies", passed away on May 20, 2022 at the age of 80;

WHEREAS, Ms. Roces was born on July 28, 1941 in Bacolod, Negros Occidental;

WHEREAS, Ms. Roces started her movie career at a young age of 11 in the movie "*Mga Bituin ng Kinabukasan*". She would then have her first major starring role four years after in "*Boksingera*";

WHEREAS, in a career spanning almost seven decades, Ms. Roces featured in over 60 movies, including "*Amy, Susie, and Tessie*", "*Ang Daigdig Kong Ikaw*", "*Maruja*", "*Patayin sa Sindak si Barbara*" and "*Mano Po*", thus giving her the moniker "Queen of Philippine Movies";

WHEREAS, after her incomparable career in the film industry, Ms. Roces appeared in several television roles such as Encarnacion Ramirez in "*John en Shirley*", Helena See in "*Babaeng Hampaslupa*" and most recently, as Lola Flora Borja-de Leon in ABS-CBN's hit television show "*FPJ's Ang Probinsyano*";

WHEREAS, in 1959, Ms. Roces was awarded the Dr. Ciriaco Santiago Memorial Award by the Filipino Academy for Movie Arts and Sciences (FAMAS), to highlight her cinematic excellence which had been recognized internationally;

WHEREAS, an epitome of poise and decorum to the very end, Ms. Roces was initially consigned to light dramas and romantic comedies until she came into her own as an actress after marrying the late Fernando Poe Jr. in 1967 and later raising their only daughter, now Senator Grace Poe;

WHEREAS, Ms. Roces was also a two-time FAMAS Best Actress winner for her roles in "*Maligno*" (1978) and "*Gumising Ka, Maruja*" (1979). She was also nominated for the award eleven other times for her roles in "*Ana-Roberta*", "*Maruja*", "*To Susan With Love*", "*Divina Gracia*", "*Bilanguang Puso*", "*Hanggang sa Kabila ng Daigdig*", "*The Tony Maiquez Story*", "*Patayin Mo sa Sindak si Barbara*", "*Nasaan Ka Nang Kailangan Kita*", "*Paano Kung Wala Ka Na?*", "*Ang Lahat Ng Ito Pati Na Ang Langit*", and "*Isinakdal Ko Ang Aking Ina*", highlighting her versatility and excellence as an actress;

WHEREAS, Ms. Roces is also one of the only three awardees of the *Huwarang Bituin ng FAMAS* Award, in recognition of her great charisma, incredible acting prowess, and exemplary social skills over her long-spanning career;

WHEREAS, Ms. Roces was also recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award, both from the Film Academy of the Philippines in 2003 and the FAMAS in 2017. Most recently, she was awarded as one of the *Natatanging Bituin ng Siglo* Award in the 2019 PMPC Star Awards for Movies, all for her illustrious career;

WHEREAS, Ms. Roces not only gained the respect and admiration of her fans, admirers and colleagues in the entertainment industry for her craft, but also of her family and friends for her larger-than-life outlook as an embodiment of beauty and hard work;

WHEREAS, as a member of Philippine society, Ms. Roces served as a role model of grace, charity, compassion, faith, and strength, and shall remain a Philippine icon for years to come: Now, therefore, be it

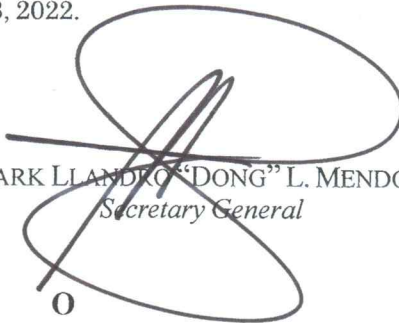
*Resolved by the House of Representatives, To express its profound sympathies and sincere condolences to the family of Ms. Jesusa Purificacion Levy Sonora-Poe, popularly known as Ms. Susan Roces, a prolific actress who has been a pillar in Philippine cinema. She has inspired generations of actors and actresses, and has captured the hearts of millions of Filipinos. Her legacy in the Philippines will forever be unmatched.*

*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 Resolutions Numbered 2583, 2586 and 2595, was adopted by the House of Representatives on May 23, 2022.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke, positioned over the printed name and title.

MARK LLANDRO "DONG" L. MENDOZA  
*Secretary General*

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