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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. **511**



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**Introduced By Hon. Christopher “Toff” V.P. De Venecia, Hon. Jefferson F. Khonghun, Hon. Rufus B. Rodriguez, Hon. Edward Vera Perez Maceda, Hon. Anna Victoria Veloso-Tuazon, Hon. Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica, Hon. Maria Vanessa C. Aumentado, Hon. Jose Francisco “Kiko” B. Benitez, Ph.D., Hon. Juan Carlos “Arjo” C. Atayde, Hon. Rachel Marguerite B. Del Mar, Hon. Angelica Natasha Co, Hon. Mark O. Go, Hon. Angelo Marcos Barba, Hon. Kristine Singson-Meehan, Hon. Christian Tell A. Yap, Hon. Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco**

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**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PASSING OF FASHION ICON AUGGIE CORDERO**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Auggie Cordero passed away on October 21, 2022 at the age of 78;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Auggie Cordero was considered as one of the finest couturiers in the Philippines and his contributions in the fashion industry placed Filipino creative excellence on the world map, with an illustrious career spanning 50 years;

**WHEREAS**, his prestigious clientele included former First Lady Imelda Marcos, the late President Corazon Cojuangco Aquino, the late philanthropist and socialite Chito Madrigal Collantes, prima ballerina Lisa Macuja, and other high society personalities;

**WHEREAS**, he was also known for turning women into supermodels, from Menchu Menchaca-Soriano, Wanda Louwallien, and his most famous muse Anna Bayle, who walked for Christian Lacroix, Versace, Chanel, Yves Saint Laurent, and Thierry Mugler in the 80s;<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Carla Buyo, “We Bid Farewell to Legendary Fashion Designer Auggie Cordero. The fashion industry mourns the loss of an icon, the ‘complete designer’,” Metro.style, October 25, 2022

**WHEREAS**, while studying Commerce at the Far Eastern University, he apprenticed with a dressmaker who taught him all the aspects of the trade, from fittings to patterns, cutting, and purchasing;<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Auggie Cordero had a knack for starting trends in the Philippines such as the Audrey Hepburn gamine look, the Annie Hall and Katharine Hepburn collections of soft tailored coordinates and smart layering; the shirtdress inspired by Yves Saint Laurent, the barong tunic for women, the use of color in bridal ensembles, among other trends through the decades<sup>3</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, one of his most notable works is his transformation of the Barong Tagalog to attract more non-Filipino wearers by adding front openings and rolled sleeves while retaining traditional elements like hand-embroidered details and translucent fabrics;<sup>4</sup>

**WHEREAS**, he was a brilliant man, a true arbiter of good taste and masterful elegance. His presence had influenced many generations of Filipino creatives;

**WHEREAS**, a complete designer, the icon of an era, the maker of supermodels – Auggie Cordero had without a doubt, built a solid career in fashion;

**WHEREAS**, his rich and deep legacy will leave a mark in the industry. Cordero will continue to become an inspiration to young designers today and many generations to come.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives expresses its profound sympathy and sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Auggie Cordero, a complete designer, the icon of an era, the maker of supermodels and an inspiration to young designers today, and many generations to come;

**RESOLVED, FURTHER**, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the bereaved family of the late Mr. Auggie Cordero.

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<sup>2</sup> Chit Lijauco, “Master of the Craft: Auggie Cordero,” Tatler Asia, October 18, 2015

<sup>3</sup> Thelma Sioson, “Auggie Cordero: Two friends on a rainy day,” The Diarist.ph, October 25, 2022

<sup>4</sup> Jeymi Reyes, “The Filipino Fashion Community Mourns the Passing of Legendary Designer Auggie Cordero. Another Pillar of Philippine Fashion has left the industry,” Preview, October 25, 2022

**HON. CHRISTOPHER "TOFF" V.P.  
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**HON. JEFFERSON F. KHONGHUN**

**HON. RUFUS B. RODRIGUEZ**

**HON. EDWARD VERA PEREZ MACEDA**

**HON. ANNA VICTORIA VELOSO-  
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**HON. MARIA VANESSA C.  
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**HON. JOSE FRANCISCO "KIKO" B.  
BENITEZ, PH.D.**

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**HON. LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO**