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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 603



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A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PASSING OF MR. RENE ARANDA

WHEREAS, Mr. Rene Aranda passed away on August 24, 2022 at the age of 66;

WHEREAS, Mr. Aranda was born on May 16, 1956. He was raised in Manila and early on divided his time between drawing and playing basketball which was his other love;¹

WHEREAS, Mr. Aranda attended the University of the Philippines College of Fine Arts. Among his teachers and mentors were Mr. Roberto Chabet and National Artist Jose Joya. Mr. Aranda was a product of the old school and had little use for conceptual art, as he believed that the primary task of any artist was to be able to draw. He eventually dropped out because of an early marriage;

WHEREAS, Mr. Aranda dropped out of school due to the early marriage and earned a living. He eventually landed a job in the Middle East where he delved in advertising and commercial illustration. In the late ‘80s and into the 1990s back in Manila, Mr. Aranda found his way into illustrating for the publications, both for the Antonio Cabangon magazine Philippine Graphic where he teamed up with Mr. Benjo Laygo, and for Philippine STAR where, along with Dengcoy Miel, formed the one-two punch of Port Area street cartoonists;²

¹ <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2022/08/25/2204982/artist-rene-aranda-66>

² *Ibid.*

WHEREAS, Mr. Aranda was a much sought speaker, resource person, and judge in newspaper competitions and seminars. He was able to finish his journalism degree at the Lyceum of the Philippines University;

WHEREAS, Mr. Aranda was an active member of the *Samahang Kartunista ng Pilipinas*, composed of editorial cartoonists of major broadsheets and tabloids of the day, among them Mr. Neil Doloricon, Mr. Romy Buen and Mr. Tonton Young. He was also vice president of the Animator's Association of the Philippines. He also served as Chief Editorial Cartoonist of the Philippine Star;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives expresses its profound sympathy, and sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Rene Aranda who was an extremely talented and phenomenal man with such a pure heart, a wildly imaginative pen and good humor, as well as with a light in defending press freedom;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the bereaved family of the late Mr. Rene Aranda.

Adopted,



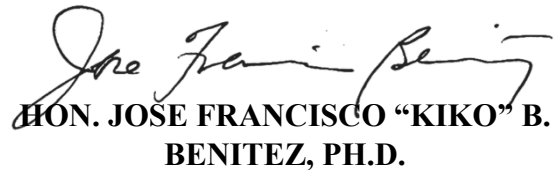
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HON. RACHEL MARGUERITE B. DEL MAR



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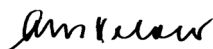
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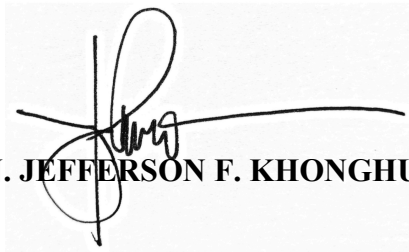
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HON. ANGELO MARCOS BARBA



HON. FLORIDA "RIDA" P. ROBES



HON. LUISA LOREN CUARESMA




HON. ROSANNA "RIA" V. VERGARA



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HON. JOEY SARTE SALCEDA



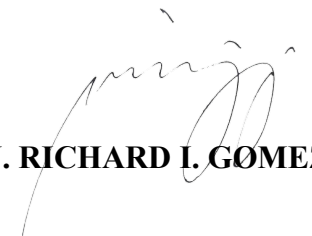
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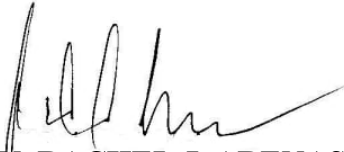
HON. VINCENT FRANCO "DUKE" D. FRASCO



HON. LIANDA B. BOLILIA



HON. MARIA VANESSA C. AUMENTADO



HON. RACHEL J. ARENAS



HON. CLAUDINE DIANA D. BAUTISTA-LIM