

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 637



Introduced by Hon. Christopher V.P. de Venecia, Hon. Edward Vera Perez Maceda, Hon. Jose Francisco "Kiko" B. Benitez, Ph.D., Hon. Kristine Singson-Meehan, Hon. Rachel Marguerite B. Del Mar, Hon. Ma. Rachel J. Arenas, Hon. Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica, Hon. Angelo Marcos Barba, Hon. Bryan B. Revilla, Hon. Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco, Hon. Angelica Natasha Co, Hon. Anna Victoria Veloso-Tuazon, Hon. Maria Vanessa C. Aumentado, Hon. Rufus B. Rodriguez, Hon. Mark O. Go, Hon. Hon. Richard I. Gomez, D.P.A., Hon. Jefferson F. Khonghun, Hon. Vincent Franco "Duke" D. Frasco, Hon. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma, Hon. Florida "Rida" P. Robes, Hon. Rosanna "Ria" V. Vergara, Hon. Lianda B. Bolilia

**A RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PASSING OF MS. SYLVIA LA TORRE**

WHEREAS, Ms. Sylvia Reyes La Torre-de Tagle has passed away on December 1, 2022 at the age of 89;

WHEREAS, Ms. Sylvia La Torre, as she was commonly known, made waves in the music and film industry as early as when she was five years old. She performed in the 1941 film, "*Ang Maestra*," at the age of 7. She would feature in other films made by Sampaguita Pictures;¹

WHEREAS, Ms. Sylvia La Torre joined the Manila Grand Opera House in 1948. In 1950, she recorded her first song "*Si Petite Mon Amour*" under the Bataan Records then eventually recorded songs for Villar Records. It was during this time that she earned the title "*Queen of Kundiman*;"²

WHEREAS, some of Ms. Sylvia La Torre's memorable songs include: "*Galawgaw*," "*Kalesa*," "*Waray Waray*," "*Arimunding-Munding*," "*Pakiusap*," "*Maalala Mo Kaya*," "*Sa Kabukiran*," "*Paskong Anong Saya*," and many more classic Filipino songs;

WHEREAS, Ms. Sylvia La Torre also ventured into movies. Following her stint in show business, she decided to live in Los Angeles, California. As a film actress, she was best known

¹ Cua, Aric John Sy (December 3, 2022). "Sylvia La Torre, 89". *The Manila Times*.

² <https://mb.com.ph/2022/12/02/queen-of-kundiman-sylvia-la-torre-passes-away-89/>

for “*Ulila ng Bataan*,” “*Buhay Pilipino*,” “*Nukso Nang Nukso*,” and “*Tang-Tarang-Tang*,” among many others in her filmography;

WHEREAS, in 1960, Ms. Sylvia La Torre featured in the radio program “*Tuloy ang Ligaya*” of Manila Broadcasting Company (MBC) with Ms. Lita Gutierrez and Mr. Oscar Obligacion. The radio program was made into a television program known as “*The Big Show*” which was hosted by Ms. La Torre and Mr. Obligacion. Due to its success, ABS-CBN offered the two to host its noontime television show “*Oras ng Ligaya*.” For this, Ms. Sylvia La Torre de Tagle earned the title “*First Lady of Philippine Television*.”³

WHEREAS, in November 2010, Ms. Sylvia La Torre returned to the Philippines for a benefit show titled “*Laro: Child’s Play at the CCP*” with Pop Star Ms. Princess Sarah Geronimo;

WHEREAS, Ms. Sylvia La Torre was a recipient of the Tandang Sora Award, which is given to women who embody the Philippine hero’s traits of courage, service, and goodness, among others;⁴

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives expresses its profound sympathy, and sincere condolences to the family of Ms. Sylvia Reyes La Torre-de Tagle, who was known as the *Queen of Kundiman* and the *First Lady of Philippine Television*, an extremely talented and phenomenal woman with such a pure heart and has inspired generations of aspiring filipino singers and actors alike;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the bereaved family of the late Ms. Sylvia La Torre.

Adopted,



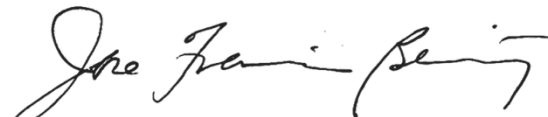
HON. CHRISTOPHER V.P. DE VENECIA



HON. EDWARD VERA PEREZ MACEDA

³ De Castro, Cynthia. "The Queen of Kundiman, Sylvia La Torre: After 70 years in showbiz – Tuloy pa rin ang ligaya". *Asian Journal*. p. 1. Archived from the original on April 21, 2013. Retrieved December 4, 2022.

⁴ <https://whatalife.ph/sylvia-la-torre-queen-of-kundiman-passes-away/>




**HON. JOSE FRANCISCO "KIKO" B.
BENITEZ, PH.D**



HON. KRISTINE SINGSON-MEEHAN



**HON. RACHEL MARGUERITE B. DEL
MAR**



HON. MA. RACHEL J. ARENAS



HON. LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA



HON. ANGELO MARCOS BARBA



HON. BRYAN B. REVILLA



HON. LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO



HON. ANGELICA NATASHA CO



**HON. ANNA VICTORIA VELOSO-
TUAZON**

**HON. MARIA VANESSA C.
AUMENTADO**

HON. RUFUS B. RODRIGUEZ

HON. MARK O. GO

HON. HON. RICHARD I. GOMEZ, D.P.A.

HON. JEFFERSON F. KHONGHUN

**HON. VINCENT FRANCO "DUKE" D.
FRASCO**

HON. LUISA LOREN CUARESMA

HON. FLORIDA "RIDA" P. ROBES

HON. ROSANNA "RIA" V. VERGARA

HON. LIANDA B. BOLILIA