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**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE
CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PASSING OF
ORIGINAL PILIPINO MUSIC (OPM) ICON ANGELITO "HAJJI" T. ALEJANDRO,
AND RECOGNIZING HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PHILIPPINE
MUSIC INDUSTRY**

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives, with deep sorrow, extends its sympathy on the passing of Angelito "Hajji" Toledo Alejandro, a beloved pioneer and icon of Original Pilipino Music (OPM), who passed away on April 22, 2025, at the age of seventy (70);

WHEREAS, widely known as the "*Kilabot ng mga Kolehiyala*" or the Heartthrob of College Girls, Mr. Hajji Alejandro rose to prominence in the 1970s, initially as a member of the renowned Circus Band — a collective that produced some of the finest voices in Philippine music — and subsequently as a solo artist who helped shape the sound and soul of OPM;

WHEREAS, in 1978, Mr. Alejandro made history at the first Metro Manila Popular Music Festival (Metropop) with his rousing performance of "*Kay Ganda ng Ating Musika*," a composition by National Artist for Music Maestro Ryan Cayabyab, which won the grand prize and became an enduring anthem celebrating Filipino musical identity and pride;

WHEREAS, that same year, Mr. Alejandro and Cayabyab represented the Philippines in the inaugural International Seoul Song Festival in South Korea, where they won both the Grand Prix and the Best Singer award — a watershed moment for Filipino artistry on the global stage;

WHEREAS, Mr. Alejandro immortalized other timeless hits such as “*Panakip Butas*,” “*Tag-Araw, Tag-Ulan*,” “*Nakapagtataka*,” and “*Ikaw at ang Gabi*,” which reflected the depth of Filipino emotion and storytelling, and which remain beloved across generations;

WHEREAS, Mr. Alejandro’s charismatic stage presence, soulful voice, and emotive delivery made him not only a musical icon but also a cultural figure who captured the hearts of many and inspired countless musicians and performers in the local and international scenes;

WHEREAS, in recognition of the enduring power of his music and influence, Mr. Alejandro remained active in the music scene well into the 21st century, performing with fellow OPM greats in concerts such as “*Four Kings and a Queen*” and “*Awit ng Panahon: Noon at Ngayon*,” and even touring internationally with his daughter, singer-actress Rachel Alejandro;

WHEREAS, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts recognized “*Kay Ganda ng Ating Musika*” as a significant expression of Filipino nationalism in music, describing it as a piece that metaphorically celebrates the gift of song and the beauty of the Filipino musical spirit;


WHEREAS, Mr. Hajji Alejandro's contributions to Philippine music represent an indelible legacy — one that enriched the nation’s cultural heritage, elevated OPM to unprecedented heights, and brought joy and inspiration to millions of Filipinos;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, by the House of Representatives, to express its profound sympathy and sincere condolences on the passing of Original Pilipino Music (OPM) icon Angelito “Hajji” T. Alejandro, and to recognize his outstanding contributions to the Philippine music industry.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of the late Hajji Alejandro as an expression of the House’s deepest sympathies and highest esteem.

Adopted,


HON. FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ


HON. YEDDA M. MARIE K. ROMUALDEZ



HON. CHRISTOPHER V.P. DE VENECIA



HON. RUFUS B. RODRIGUEZ



HON. ANNA VICTORIA VELOSO-TUAZON



HON. JEFFERSON F. KHONGHUN



HON. VINCENT FRANCO "DUKE" D. FRASCO



HON. KRISTIVE SINGSON-MEEHAN



HON. RAMON JOLO B. REVILLA III



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HON. JUAN CARLOS "ARJO" C. ATAYDE

HON. CHARISSE ANNE C. HERNANDEZ

HON. MARIA VANESSA C. AUMENTADO

HON. MARGARITA IGNACIA B. NOGRALES-ALMARIO

HON. ANGELICA NATASHA CO

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HON. LANI MERCADO-REVILLA

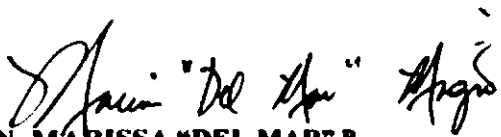
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