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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2312



Introduced by Hon. Ferdinand Martin G. 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. Kristine Singson-Meehan, Hon. Ramon Jolo B. Revilla III, Hon. Maria Angela S. Garcia, Hon. Rachel Marguerite B. Del Mar, Hon. Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica, Hon. Marlyn "Len" B. Alonte, Hon. Jose Arturo S. Garcia Jr., Hon. Edward Vera Perez Maceda, Hon. Lianda B. Bolilia, 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, Hon. Stella Luz A. Quimbo, Hon. Tsuyoshi Anthony G. Horibata, Hon. Angelo Marcos Barba, Hon. Lani Mercado-Revilla, Hon. Bryan B. Revilla, Hon. Richard I. Gomez, DPA, Hon. Richelle Singson, Hon. Patrick Michael D. Vargas, Hon. Mark O. Go, Hon. Marissa "Del Mar" P. Magsino, Hon. Maria Rachel J. Arenas

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SINCEREST AND PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEMISE OF ORIGINAL PILIPINO MUSIC ICON FERDINAND "FREDDIE" PASCUAL AGUILAR AND HONORING HIS IMMENSE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PHILIPPINE MUSIC, CULTURE AND NATIONAL IDENTITY

WHEREAS, the country mourns the passing of Original Pilipino Music icon and pillar, Mr. Ferdinand Pascual Aguilar, professionally known as Freddie Aguilar, who passed away on May 27, 2025, at the age of 72;

WHEREAS, born on February 5, 1953, Mr. Aguilar rose to fame in the late 1970s and became one of the pioneering voices of the Original Pilipino Music (OPM) movement through his internationally acclaimed song "*Anak*", which has since become the best-selling Philippine music record of all time, with over 33 million copies sold worldwide and translated into more than 50 languages;

WHEREAS, Mr. Aguilar stands as one of the Filipino singer-songwriters to successfully break into the Western market, achieving widespread international recognition, bringing immense pride and honor to the Philippines, and showcasing the depth and power of Filipino musical artistry on the world stage;

WHEREAS, throughout Mr. Aguilar's career, he continued to create socially conscious and culturally resonant music, with iconic songs such as "*Bulag, Pipi at Bingi*," "*Pulubi*," "*Magbago Ka*," "*Magdalena*," "*Estudyante Blues*," "*Mindanao*," "*Luzviminda*," and "*Katarungan*"—songs that captured the hopes, struggles and realities of ordinary Filipinos;

WHEREAS, Mr. Aguilar's rendition of "*Bayan Ko*" became a powerful anthem of resistance and was widely embraced by opposition movements following the assassination of the former Senator Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr. in 1983, culminating in its prominent use during the 1986 People Power Revolution;

WHEREAS, Mr. Aguilar's contributions were not confined to music alone, he used his platform to advocate nationalism, social justice, cultural pride and he served in various cultural capacities, including as member of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, Presidential Adviser on Culture and the Arts, and National Executive Vice President of the Partido Federal ng Pilipinas;

WHEREAS, Mr. Aguilar's legacy rises above political lines, with his life's work continuing to inspire generations of Filipinos to embrace their identity, champion integrity, and uphold the enduring values of compassion, justice, and cultural heritage;

WHEREAS, the nation mourns the loss of a true musical luminary whose voice echoed through the decades and whose songs became the soundtrack of both personal stories and national struggles;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives expresses its profound sympathy and sincere condolences to the family of Freddie Aguilar, who is remembered as a pillar and icon of OPM and provided outstanding contributions to the Philippine Music Industry;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the bereaved family of the late Freddie Aguilar as a symbol of the nation's deepest sympathy and enduring gratitude;

Adopted,



HON. FERDINAND MARTIN G. 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. KRISTINE SINGSON-MEEHAN



HON. RAMON JOLO B. REVILLA III



HON. MARIA ANGELA GARCIA



HON. RACHEL MARGUERITE B. DEL
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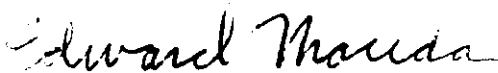
HON. LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA



HON. MARLYN "LEN" B. ALONTE



HON. JOSE ARTURO S. GARCIA JR.



HON. EDWARD VERA PEREZ MACEDA



HON. LIANA B. BOLILIA



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



HON. STELLA LUZ A. QUIMBO



HON. TSUYOSHI ANTHONY G. HORIBATA



HON. ANGELO MARCOS BARBA



HON. LANI MERCADO-REVILLA



HON. BRYAN B. REVILLA



HON. RICHARD I. GOMEZ, DPA



HON. RICHELLE SINGSON



HON. PATRICK MICHAEL D. VARGAS



HON. MARK O. GO



HON. MARISSA "DEL MAR" P.
MAGSINO



HON. MARIA RACHEL J. ARENAS