CITY RESOLUTION No. CR 2020-213
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A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE OVERFLOWING SENSE OF GRATITUDE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF BACOOR, CAVITE BY HONORING AND PRAISING THE MEMORY AND LEGACY OF FORMER SENATOR RAMON REVILLA SR.

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WHEREAS, former Sen. Ramon Revilla Sr. (also known as Jose Acuña Bautista) was a man of substance in every conceivable way. The youngest in a brood of ten and raised by parents known for their profound sense of integrity, he graced the silver screen during the height of the first golden age of Philippine cinema with the hope of etching his name in the pantheon of movie stardom. But it was not yet his time so he chose another path and headed the Secret Service Unit of the Bureau of Customs from 1965 to 1972 with the rank of Major.

WHEREAS, in 1972 he returned to show business and did what few even now has the gumption of doing— he formed his own production company so that he alone would chart his movie career and started writing his own scripts and directing his own movies. He created a niche for himself that no other Filipino actor has since occupied as the undisputed king of anting-anting movies. Indisputably, Ramon Revilla Sr. created the image of the Filipino superhero in films— decades before the Avengers hit the silver screen and indelibly enriched Filipino culture and cinema.

WHEREAS, for generations of Filipinos, Senator Revilla is the quintessential Filipino movie superhero and the only actor who comes to mind when talking about the “agimat” genre— an achievement that not only popularized him but the entire province of Cavite where most of his films were made.

WHEREAS, when he became a member of the Philippine Senate for two successive terms from 1992 to 2004, he authored numerous pieces of legislation most notable of which is Republic Act No. 9225 which gave children born out of...
wedlock the opportunity to use their father's surname and led
to the amendment of the Civil Code and the Family Code.
Now being implemented all over the country since it became
a law, RA 9225 helped ease the stigma of illegitimacy suffered
by millions of Filipinos for the circumstances of their birth.

WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Committee of Public
Works in the Senate, Senator Revilla dreamed of industrializing
the Philippines and pushing the country out of poverty through
an ambitious, nationwide, and comprehensive infrastructure
program embodied in Republic Act No. 8150 (otherwise known
as the "Public Works Act"). Had the various programs
encapsulated in the said law been fully implemented, it could
have led to unprecedented economic benefits for every
Filipino. Alas, the Asian financial crisis which hit the Philippine
economy very hard in 1996 hampered the ability of the
national government to fully fund the said programs and only
65% of them were completed until the law ipso facto lapsed in
1999.

WHEREAS, on June 6, 1997 President Fidel V. Ramos
signed Senate Bill 1148, principally authored by Senator Revilla,
amending and subsequently lowering the penalties imposed
for the commission of the crime of illegal possession of firearms
then penalized under Presidential Decree No. 1866, which was
abused by the agents of the Marcos dictatorship in quelling
legitimate dissent. Popularly referred to in legal circles as the
"Revilla Law", Republic Act No. 8294, led to the early release
from incarceration of thousands of Filipinos unjustly imprisoned
for an inordinately long period due to the abusive
implementation of PD 1866.

WHEREAS, thousands of Bacooreños have known Senator
Revilla not only as a movie icon and a legislator but also as a
benefactor, a sagacious political counsel, an excellent
entrepreneur, a loyal friend, a man who made a name for
himself through the dint of hard work and a strict code of
discipline, and as a loving patriarch to his children and
grandchildren — some of whom have carried the political
torch he first held and are now working tirelessly to create a
better City of Bacoor and a better Province of Cavite for the
benefit of millions of Filipinos.

WHEREAS, with the untimely demise of Senator Revilla on
June 26, 2020, a deep sense of loss was felt keenly not only by
his children and family but by millions of Filipinos as well whose
lives he touched through his films and trough the many laws
that he authored. He will be sorely missed but he will never be
forgotten. For as long as Filipinos walk this earth, the amulet of
courage, hard work, hope, and never-say-die spirit that
Senator Revilla epitomized which he passed on to his many fans and constituents will live on.

NOW THEREFORE, upon unanimous motion of the Body, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the 4th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite duly assembled in regular online session to pass a resolution expressing the overflowing sense of gratitude of the people of the City of Bacoor, Cavite by honoring and praising the memory and legacy of former Senator Ramon Revilla Sr., that helped shape not only the City of Bacoor, Cavite or the Province of Cavite but the entire nation as well. May he rest in the eternally sunlit gardens of God Almighty and continue to look over his beloved countrymen.

RESOLVED, to furnish the Revilla family through the offices of Senator Ramon Revilla Jr. and Representative Strike B. Revilla with a copy of this Resolution.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED this 29th day of June 2020 by the 4th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is true, correct, and duly passed in accordance with law.

Certified by:

HON. CATHERINE S. EVARISTO
City Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer

Attested by:

ATTY. KHALID A. ATEGA JR.
Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary

Noted by:

HON. LANI MERCADO-REVILLA
City Mayor

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