

39^h Regular SessionRESOLUTION NO. SP- 5311, S-2011

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES PROFESSOR MA. LOURDES ESTELLA-SIMBULAN AND RECOGNIZING HER IMMENSE CONTRIBUTIONS AS ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S PREMIER ACADEMICIANS AND JOURNALISTS.

Introduced by Councilors EDCEL B. LAGMAN, JR., FRANCISCO. A. CALALAY, JR., DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, ANTHONY PETER D. CRISOLOGO, RICARDO T. BELMONTE, JR., JOSEPH P. JUICO, ALEXIS R. HERRERA, PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO, ALFREDO D. VARGAS III, EDEN "Candy" A. MEDINA, JULIENNE ALYSON RAE V. MEDALLA, RODERICK M. PAULATE, GODOFREDO T. LIBAN II, JULIAN ML. COSETENG, ALLAN BENEDICT S. REYES, JAIME F. BORRES, JOSE MARIO DON S. DE LEON, GIAN CARLO G. SOTTO, EUFEMIO C. LAGUMBAY, JESUS MANUEL C. SUNTAY, JESSICA CASTELO DAZA, RAQUEL S. MALAÑGEN, VINCENT DG. BELMONTE, MARVIN C. RILLO, RANULFO Z. LUDOVICA and JOHN ANSELL R. DE GUZMAN.

WHEREAS, Ma. Lourdes Estella-Simbulan died in a vehicular accident last May 13, 2011 along Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City, the so-called "killer highway" when a reckless bus driver collided with the vehicle she was riding;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Simbulan is a graduate of journalism from the University of the Philippines and a holder of a master's degree in Public Management from the U.P. Open University. She started her career as a journalist and as a reporter for the Manila Evening Post in the early 1980's;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Simbulan spent most of her life sharing her knowledge with her students and colleagues. She was a full-time Professor at UP College of Mass Communication for the last six years and trained numerous professionals now working in mass media;

WHEREAS, she served as Managing Editor and later, as the Editor in Chief of the Manila Times when it investigated and exposed the IMPSA contract involving President Estrada, she also later became the Editor in Chief of Pinoy Times, the hard-hitting political tabloid put up by Mrs. Eugenia Apostol, and whose political exposes on government corruption especially on the hidden wealth and vices of President Estrada that led to the latter's downfall;

WHEREAS, during her time as senior reporter for the national broadsheet Malaya, she was an indefatigable union leader, arguing quietly but firmly for the rights of employees, especially during collective bargaining season;

WHEREAS, she was a fearless but topnotch field reporter whose honesty and integrity was highly respected by her colleagues in the media and even by her sources, as shown when she served as reporter for the Evening Post in the early 80s and later as Desk Editor for the Philippine Daily Inquirer in the 90s;

WHEREAS, she held steadfast to her political and moral beliefs even as she possessed this admirable capacity to tolerate other views that enabled her to engage in lively discussions of social and political issues;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Simbulan, co-founder and member of the Board of Directors of VERA files, a non-profit media group, was a well-known investigative journalist and critic during the Estrada administration. She gained prominence when she criticized the corruptions and illegal acts committed by public officers during the time of President Joseph Estrada;

WHEREAS, her colleagues in the media and in the academe remember her as a lady with excellent ethical standards that served as veritable benchmarks for them to chart their own careers;

WHEREAS, the untimely death of Mrs. Simbulan on the 13th of May 2011 along Commonwealth Avenue, has spurred the Quezon City Government to strengthen its public order and safety advocacies;

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WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government expresses its deepest sympathy to the family of the late Ma. Lourdes Estella-Simbunan and recognizes her noteworthy contributions to the city both as a journalist and academician.

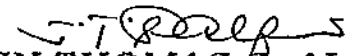
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to express, as it does hereby express the Quezon City's deepest condolences to the family of the late University of the Philippines Professor Ma. Lourdes Estella-Simbunan and recognizing her immense contributions as one of the country's premier academicians and journalists.

ADOPTED: September 26, 2011.

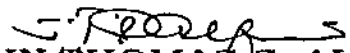

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City Councilor
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on September 26, 2011 and was CONFIRMED on October 3, 2011.


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head

