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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 8704, S-2021

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING ADELINA SANTOS-RODRIGUEZ FOR HER INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO QUEZON CITY AS ITS FIRST WOMAN MAYOR.

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*Introduced by Councilors FRANZ S. PUMAREN, JORGE L. BANAL, SR., ERIC Z. MEDINA AND PATRICK MICHAEL VARGAS.*

*Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Lena Marie P. Juico, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Atty. Bong Liban, Eden Delilah "Candy" A. Medina, Ramon P. Medalla, Mikey F. Belmonte, Estrella C. Valmocina, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Matias John T. Defensor, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Sr., Peachy V. De Leon, Imee A. Rillo, Marra C. Suntay, Irene R. Belmonte, Resty B. Malañgen, Karl Castelo, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co Pilar, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto-Antonio, Donato "Donny" C. Matias, and Noe Dela Fuente.*

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WHEREAS, on 30 September 2021, Mayor Adelina Santos-Rodriguez, the first woman mayor of Quezon City passed away at the age of 101 years old;

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WHEREAS, Mayor Rodriguez was born on August 6, 1920 and was the second of two children of Virginia Espiritu Galang and Eleuterio Santos. Along with her elder sister, an accomplished University of the Philippines Professor, Dr. Priscila Santos-Manalang, Mayor Rodriguez, during her younger years, was known for her stunning beauty and intelligence, and was an active student at the Assumption Convent in Herran, Manila and the College of Holy Ghost (now College of Holy Spirit) where she received primary and high school education, respectively. In college, she was proclaimed as "Miss Education" while taking her major in-home economics at the University of Santo Tomas;

WHEREAS, on June 4, 1941 Mayor Rodriguez married Governor Isidro S. Rodriguez, Sr., who served as governor of the Province of Rizal for 30 years and was the son of former Senate President Eulogio "Amang" A. Rodriguez, Sr. Their marriage was blessed with 10 children and lasted for 50 years or until Governor Rodriguez's death in 1992;

WHEREAS, despite Mayor Rodriguez's privileged background, she understood the needs and spoke the language of the masses. As homemaker and first lady of the Province of Rizal, she undertook projects that made healthcare services accessible to the poor by establishing health centers or puericulture centers. She was also progressive in addressing the needs of many families by promoting family planning and birth control methods. In the 1960's she was active in the post war relocation projects of the People's Homesite and Housing Corporation in Quezon City;

WHEREAS, Mayor Rodriguez served as the sixth mayor and first woman mayor of Quezon City from 1976 to 1986. During her 10-year term, she was known as a strong and compassionate leader. She took care of the city's constituents and employees in the same manner that a mother shows love and affection to her children. As a mayor, she likewise pursued the Quezon City's overall development. She established an Economic Development Council to promote jobs, livelihood, businesses, and investments in the city. Under her leadership, various social and economic services were set up which benefited the city's constituents especially women;

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WHEREAS, Mayor Rodriguez also focused on promoting culture, arts, and tourism because she believed that these contribute to strengthening the city's development. As a tribute to the city's forefather, former President Manuel L. Quezon, she spearheaded the installation of the Quezon Memorial Monument;

WHEREAS, Mayor Rodriguez had a commendable term as Quezon City Mayor. In fact, it was reported then that the city's treasury had a budget surplus when she stepped down;

WHEREAS, Mayor Rodriguez continued with public service even after her political career. She served as officer or head of different civic organizations and women's organizations that promoted the health and well-being of the people. She was also a first responder to emergencies during typhoons and epidemics and served in the front lines by overseeing the distribution of relief to victims;

WHEREAS, in 2016, Mayor Rodriguez was conferred the Quezon City Tandang Sora Award by the Quezon City Government for sustaining the stability and progress of the city during Martial Law; for effectively serving the interest of the city, combining some measures of autonomy with assistance from the national government; for the many programs under her administration; for preserving the status of Quezon City as the capital city of the Philippines, and even afterwards, as the premier city of the country; and for all her achievements as one of the few female local chief executives at the time of her term. Mayor Rodriguez was declared then as a living symbol who exemplified the virtues of Tandang Sora, namely "katapangan, palabra de honor, kagandahang-asal, pagmamalasakit, paglilingkod, kasipagan, at pagkalinga", which made her a true heroine of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, in 2020, before the pandemic, the Quezon City Government featured Mayor Rodriguez as one of the Iconic Women of Quezon City as part of the celebration of Women's Month;

WHEREAS, Mayor Rodriguez's selfless and indefatigable leadership has greatly contributed to what Quezon City is today. She paved the way for future generations of women leaders and serves as an inspiration and a good role model to the city and the nation. She will be remembered as a champion of the people;

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WHEREAS, it is proper to recognize and commend Adelina Santos-Rodriguez for her invaluable contributions to Quezon City as its first woman mayor.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to recognize and commend, as it does hereby recognize and commend, Adelina Santos-Rodriguez for her invaluable contributions to Quezon City as its first woman mayor.

ADOPTED: October 11, 2021.


  
GIAN G. SOTTO  
City Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

  
Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III  
City Government Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on October 11, 2021 under Suspended Rules and was CONFIRMED on the same date.

  
Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III  
City Government Dept. Head III

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