

Republic of the Philippines
QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Quezon City
22nd City Council

PR22CC-060

5th Regular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP- 9017, S-2022

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE CITY MAYOR, HONORABLE MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, THE CITY VICE MAYOR, HONORABLE GIAN G. SOTTO, AND THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE 22ND QUEZON CITY COUNCIL ON THE PASSING OF FILIPINA SPRINT LEGEND MARIA LYDIA DE VEGA-MERCADO, AND HONORING HER CONTRIBUTION TO PHILIPPINE SPORTS.

Introduced by Councilors KATE GALANG-COSETENG, ALBERT ALVIN "Chuckie" L. ANTONIO III, GELEEN "Dok G" LUMBAD, DON S. DE LEON, WENCEROM BENEDICT C. LAGUMBAY and ATTY. ANTON L. REYES.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Joseph P. Juico, Nikki V. Crisologo, Charm M. Ferrer, Fernando Miguel "Mikey" F. Belmonte, Candy A. Medina, Aly Medalla, Dave C. Valmocina, Tatay Rannie Z. Ludovica, Godofredo T. Liban II, Edgar "Egay" G. Yap, Imee A. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Nanette Castelo-Daza, Marra C. Suntay, Joseph Joe Visaya, Ram V. Medalla, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Aiko S. Melendez, Mutya Castelo, Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D., Kristine Alexia R. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Vito Sotto Generoso, Victor "Vic" Bernardo, Alfredo "Freddy" Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, Philippine sprint legend Maria Lydia De Vega-Mercado, a resident of Barangay Marilag, District III, Quezon City, was dubbed Asia's fastest woman from 1982 to 1990 and is considered one of the greatest Filipino athletes of all time;

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WHEREAS, De Vega-Mercado peacefully joined our creator last 10 August 2022 at the age of 57;

WHEREAS, De Vega-Mercado, was discovered in the 1970s during the Palarong Pambansa and was recruited by Far Eastern University Tamaraws as part of their varsity track team;

WHEREAS, De Vega-Mercado first dashed into prominence in the field of sports when she bagged gold medals for the 200-meter and 400-meter sprint events in the 1981 Asian Games;

WHEREAS, De Vega-Mercado continued to obtain gold medals in sprint events in the Southeast Asian Games in 1981 (200-meter and 400-meter), 1983 (200-meter), 1987 (100-meter and 200-meter), 1991 (100-meter), and 1993 (100-meter and 200-meter). Similarly, she won gold in the 1982 and 1986 Asian Games both for 100-meter dash events. De Vega-Mercado also snatch golds in 100-meter and 200-meter events in the 1983 and 1987 Asian Athletics Championships;

WHEREAS, De Vega-Mercado also won major silver and bronze medals in sprint categories in the aforesaid Asian sports events;

WHEREAS, it was in the 1980s, during the prime of De Vega-Mercado and her co-athletes, that the Philippines, according to sports experts and fans, experienced the “golden years” of Filipino sports;

WHEREAS, De Vega-Mercado was selected as “Athlete of the Year” in 1981, 1986, and 1987 by the Philippine Sports Association;

WHEREAS, De Vega-Mercado, with a superlative sports career that spanned 17 years, was inducted in the Philippine Sports Hall of Fame in 2018.

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NOW, THEREFORE,


BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to express, as it does hereby express, the profound sympathy and sincere condolences of the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, the City Vice Mayor, Honorable Gian G. Sotto, and the Honorable Members of the 22nd Quezon City Council on the passing of Filipina sprint legend Maria Lydia De Vega-Mercado, and honoring her contribution to Philippine Sports.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of the late Maria Lydia De Vega-Mercado.

ADOPTED: August 30, 2022.


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 August 30, 2022 and was CONFIRMED on September 5, 2022.


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