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QUEZON CITY COUNCIL
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*RESOLUTION NO. SP-*10102*, S-2025*

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE DEEPEST CONDOLENCES OF THE QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT, THROUGH 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 TO THE FAMILY OF RENOWNED CHEF AND RESTAURATEUR MARGARITA ARANETA FORÉS, HONORING HER LIFE AND LEGACY TO THE CITY, THE NATION, AND THE WORLD

Introduced by Councilor JOSEPH P. JUICO

Co-Introduced by Councilors Kate Galang-Coseteng, Geleen "Dok G" G. Lumbad, Albert Alvin "Chuckie" L. Antonio III, Don S. De Leon, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Atty. Anton L. Reyes, Bernard R. Herrera, Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., 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, Joseph Joe Visaya, Alfred Vargas, MPA, Ram V. Medalla, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Aiko S. Melendez, Mutya Castelo, Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D., Kristine Alexia R. Matias, RN, Eric Z. Medina, Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Vito Sotto Generoso, Victor "Vic" Bernardo, Jose Maria M. Rodriguez and Jhon Angelli "Sami" C. Neri

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WHEREAS, the Quezon City Council has learned with profound sorrow of the passing of Margarita Araneta Forés, a celebrated Filipino chef and restaurateur, who passed away on February 11, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of culinary excellence and innovation;

WHEREAS, Chef Margarita Araneta Forés was a trailblazer in the culinary industry, best known for pioneering authentic Italian cuisine in the Philippines through her restaurant chain, Cibo, and other fine dining establishments such as Lusso and Grace Park;

WHEREAS, she was honored as Asia's Best Female Chef in 2016 by the prestigious Asia's 50 Best Restaurants Awards, recognizing her contributions to elevating Filipino cuisine on the global stage;

WHEREAS, she was a proud resident of Quezon City, with her family's ancestral home, Bahay na Puti, located in Cubao;

WHEREAS, Chef Margarita Araneta Forés was recognized as Asia's Best Female Chef in 2016 by the prestigious World's 50 Best Restaurants, further solidifying her status as a global culinary icon and a proud representative of Filipino talent on the international stage;

WHEREAS, beyond her success in the restaurant industry, she was a dedicated mentor and advocate for the development of Filipino culinary talents, inspiring a new generation of chefs to embrace and innovate Filipino and international cuisines;

WHEREAS, her contributions to the food industry extended to catering, food education, and sustainable culinary practices, earning her the admiration and respect of both local and international communities;

WHEREAS, her passing is a great loss not only to her family and loved ones but also to the entire culinary community and the Filipino people who have enjoyed and celebrated her culinary artistry.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to extend, as it does hereby extend, the deepest condolences of the Quezon City Government, through 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 to the family of renowned Chef and Restaurateur Margarita Araneta Forés, honoring her life and legacy to the City, the Nation, and the world.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the family of Chef Margarita Araneta Forés as a token of the Quezon City Government's sympathy and gratitude for her enduring legacy.

ADOPTED: March 3, 2025.

CHARM M. FERRER
City Councilor
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
City Government Department Head III
(City Council Secretary)

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on March 3, 2025 and was CONFIRMED on March 10, 2025.

ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
City Government Department Head III
(City Council Secretary)