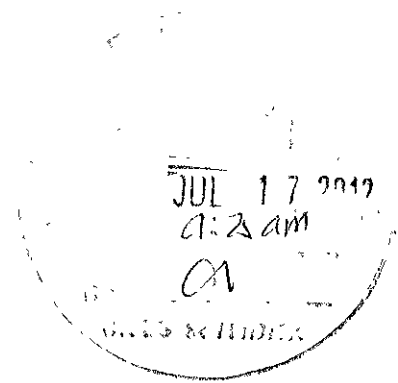


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Senate Resolution No. 314

Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda

**RESOLUTION
HONORING AND REMEMBERING FILIPINO ARTIST RODOLFO
"DOLPHY" VERA QUIZON, SR. FOR HIS OUTSTANDING
DEDICATION AND REMARKABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE
PHILIPPINE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY**

WHEREAS, on 10 July 2012 and a few days before his 84th birthday, veteran actor and premier comedian Rodolfo "Dolphy" Vera Quizon, Sr., succumbed to multiple organ failure after being confined for weeks in the intensive care unit of the Makati Medical Center due to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease;

WHEREAS, Dolphy—as he is affectionately called by his multitude of friends and millions of fans, is widely recognized as the country's "King of Comedy" due to his unparalleled body of work in the field of comedy, capped by his memorable portrayals of gay characters in films such as *Jack en Jill* and *Facifica Falayfay* and of the "quintessential Filipino Everyman" in shows such as *John and Marsha* and *Home Along Da Riles*, thus endearing himself to viewers spanning many generations;

WHEREAS, in a career lasting six decades, he began as a performer in 1944 during the Japanese occupation when he first served as a chorus boy for vaudeville shows in Manila before acting on stage with the famous artists of that time. From the glittering lights of the stage, he left for radio where he worked with another great comic Panchito Alba, in what was considered as one of the most enduring comedic duos of their time. Eventually he would be cast by Sampaguita Pictures in his first movie *Sa Isang Sulyap Mo, Tita* before starring in his own film *Jack en Jill*, giving birth to one of Philippine cinema's most memorable roles;

WHEREAS, while he was already known for his portrayals of the Filipino gay man since the 1950s and 1960s, he veered away from them and showed remarkable acting depth in films like *Ang Tatay Kong Nanay* and *Markova: Comfort Gay* which would eventually earn him international accolade, namely the Prix de la Meilleure Interpretation during the 2001 Brussels International Film Festival;

WHEREAS, what endeared him to Filipinos both the young and old alike are his roles in *John and Marsha* and *Home Along Da Riles*. While the country roiled in the political and social upheavals of the 1980s, millions of viewers found comfort in his portrayal of the bumbling yet lovable husband and father who despite his family's obvious lack in material wealth was deemed richer in the love and affection of his wife and children;

WHEREAS, in his latter years, he received several lifetime acting awards from various award-giving institutions such as the 1998 Gawad Urian Awards, 2000 Cinemanila International Film Festival Awards, and the 2009 Metro Manila Film Festival Awards;

WHEREAS, in November 2010, he was awarded the Grand Collar of the Order of the Golden Heart, the highest award given to a private citizen by the President of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2012, a National Day of Remembrance for Dolphy was declared in recognition of the deep condolences the nation wishes to extend upon his passing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Philippines honor the life of Rodolfo "Dolphy" Vera Quizon, Jr. for his outstanding dedication and remarkable contribution to the Philippine entertainment industry.

Adopted,



LOREN LEGARDA

Senator