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CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that at the regular session duly constituted of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Pangasinan, held on February 26, 2024 at the Session Hall, Capitol Building, Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial resolution was approved:

Authored by SP Member Jerry Agerico B. Rosario and
co-authored by SP Member Marinor B. de Guzman

PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 317-2024

**EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND SINCEREST
CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF THE LATE
SANTIAGO B. VILLAFANIA, ONE OF THE RENOWNED ARTISTS
OF THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AND OF THE COUNTRY**

WHEREAS, one of the respected local artists of the Province of Pangasinan, Santiago B. Villafania, peacefully joined his Creator at the age of 53 last February 26, 2024;

WHEREAS, Santiago B. Villafania, who was born in Sta. Barbara, Pangasinan and a resident of Mangaldan, Pangasinan, had made his mark as a bilingual Filipino poet who writes in English and in his native language of Pangasinan;

WHEREAS, during his lifetime, the late Santiago B. Villafania, had epitomized the story of a Pangasinense's excellence in the field of literature;

WHEREAS, as an author of poetry collections, the late Santiago B. Villafania had warmed the hearts of Pangasinenses and among those he had popularized are: *As I Tango* (2016), *Ghazalia: Maralus ya Ayat* (2013), *Bonsaic Verses* (2012), *Pinabli & Other Poems* (2012), *Malagilion: Sonnets tan Villanelles* (2007), and *Balikas na Caboloan* (Voices from Caboloan, 2005), published by the National Commission for the Culture and the Arts;

WHEREAS, in recognition of the notable works of the late Santiago B. Villafania, his book *Malagilion: Sonnets tan Villanelles* was a finalist in the 2007 National Book Award for Best Book of Poetry, which also won 1st Prize in the Gawad Komisyon (Gantimpalang Tamayo sa Tulang Pangasinan) in the same year;

WHEREAS, the late Santiago B. Villafania will always be remembered for his tireless efforts in reviving Pangasinan as a literary language;



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WHEREAS, the Province of Pangasinan, in recognition of his remarkable contributions in Pangasinan Arts and Culture, had accorded him the ASNA Award in the 430th Agew na Pangasinan on April 5, 2010;

WHEREAS, as member of the Philippine PEN and Pangasinan Historical and Cultural Society, the late Santiago B. Villafania had greatly contributed to the richness of Pangasinan literature;

WHEREAS, in his later years, due to the pace of time, the late Santiago B. Villafania had also embraced the use of new technologies and journeyed into other realms of expression through digital art and photography;

WHEREAS, the invaluable accomplishments of the late Santiago B. Villafania as a literary artist had earned him the respect and pride of every Pangasinense;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Pangasinan mourns his passing away and joins the entire officialdom of the Province of Pangasinan in prayer for the eternal repose of his soul, thankful always for his unselfish contributions to the Province;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Jerry Agerico B. Rosario and co-authored by SP Member Marinor B. de Guzman, duly seconded, it was –

RESOLVED, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Pangasinan in session assembled to express, as it is hereby expressed, deepest sympathy and sincerest condolences to the bereaved family of the late Santiago B. Villafania, one of the renowned artists of the Province of Pangasinan and of the country;

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of the late Santiago B. Villafania at their residence in Mangaldan, Pangasinan, for their information.

CERTIFIED BY:


VERNA T. NAVA-PEREZ
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


SP MEMBER HAIDEE S. PACHECO
Temporary Presiding Officer