



Republic of the Philippines
City of Bago
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 1708th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF BAGO HELD ON MARCH 3, 2014 AT THE SP SESSION HALL, BAGO CITY.

PRESENT:

HON. ANDREW MARTIN Y. TORRES	SP Member-Acting Presiding Officer
HON. MA. JOSEFA Y. MATTI	SP Member
HON. FEDERICO A. MATTI	SP Member
HON. BERNADETTE M. SOMCIO	SP Member
HON. ALLAN C. GALUNAN	SP Member
HON. JORGE A. ARANETA	SP Member
HON. CLEO F. GAUDITE	SP Member
HON. CARLOS E. MONDIA	SP Member
HON. DONALD A. ALVAREZ	SP Member
HON. DANILO U. FAMOSO	SP Member
HON. SERGIO T. PIANSAY	SP Member-ABC President

ABSENT:

HON. NICHOLAS M. YULO	City Vice Mayor-Presiding Officer
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RESOLUTION NO. 14-078

RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION AND LEGACY OF RAFAEL M. SALAS, ONE OF THE HEROES OF BAGO CITY, AND TO ADOPT THE SPECIAL INTEGRATION CLASS MODULE ON THE LIFE OF RAFAEL M. SALAS INTO THE SIBIKA SUBJECT FOR GRADES 5 AND 6 PUPILS IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF BAGO CITY, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL.

WHEREAS, Rafael M. Salas was born in Bago City, Negros Occidental, Philippines on August 7, 1928, one of three children of Ernesto Araneta Salas and Isabel Neri Montinola. After World War II, Salas went to Manila to continue his education and obtained his B.A. (magna cum laude) from the University of the Philippines in 1950. Three years later, he completed his law degree (cum laude) from the U.P. College of Law. He then attended Harvard University, where he finished his master's degree in public administration in 1955. He returned to his country and joined the academe at his alma mater, the University of the Philippines as a lecture in Economics until 1959 when he transferred to the Far Eastern University as professional lecturer until 1961. He was rehired by the University of the Philippines as assistant vice president from 1962-1963 and then as professional lecturer of law and member of the Board of Regents from 1963-1966;

WHEREAS, by 1966, Salas, also known affectionately as "Paeng," was recruited to a Cabinet position as executive secretary of President Ferdinand F. Marcos. While executive secretary, Salas was named by Marcos as chief action officer of the National Rice Sufficiency Program and was credited for the dramatic increase in rice production whose shortfall perennially plagued the country;

WHEREAS, he became the first executive director of UNFPA in 1969. (The agency is now known as the United Nations Fund and is led by an undersecretary general.) Salas served in this position with efficiency and distinction. As a UN official, he was well respected as a morally upright leader and for his dedication to the advancement of the UN population programs. An article entitled "Knowing the Man and the Award" and published by the Commission on Population of the Philippines (POPCOM) cited Salas as widely known as "Mr. Population" in the international population community. He brought together more developed and less developed countries, helping them to become aware of the extent to which they share an interest in population and development." For his contribution to the global understanding of population, Salas received 30 honorary degrees, honorary professorships, and academic awards from higher academic institutions in 25 countries;

WHEREAS, as beside his role as international public servant, Salas was also a poet and author. He contributed articles to international magazines and newspapers drawing on his writing skills as past editor of the Philippines Law Journal;

WHEREAS, in his honor, POPCOM created in 1990 what has evolved into a yearly prestigious award: The Rafael M. Salas Population and Development Award (RMSPDA). It aims to perpetuate his legacy by recognizing local government units, individuals and institutions for their outstanding achievements and contributions in population management programs. It also seeks to recognize individuals and institutions who continuously pursue the ideals and visions of Salas to “achieve a better world for the present and future generations;

WHEREAS, also instituted in his honor is the annual Rafael M. Salas Memorial Lecture at the UN headquarters in New York. The lecture series began as a memorial and tribute to Salas under whose “leadership, the UNFPA grew from a small trust fund to the world’s largest multilateral provider of population assistance.”

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion of SP Member Bernadette M. Somcio, unanimously seconded by SP Members present, the Sanggunian

RESOLVES, as it is hereby resolved, to honor the significant contribution and legacy of Rafael M. Salas, one of the heroes of Bago City, and to adopt the Special Integration Class Module on the life of Rafael M. Salas into the Sibika subject for Grades 5 and 6 pupils in all public schools of Bago City, Negros Occidental.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution upon its approval, be furnished to the City Mayor’s Office, the Department of Education and the RMS Society for their information, support and assistance.

ATTESTED:

(SGD.) ANDREW MARTIN Y. TORRES
SP Member-Acting Presiding Officer

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

(SGD.) ATTY. BRIAN N. MARTIR
City Secretary (CGDH-I)