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**QUEZON CITY COUNCIL**

Quezon City  
**23<sup>rd</sup> City Council**

PR23CC-139

10<sup>th</sup> Regular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP- **10226**, S-2025

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE QUEZON CITY COUNCIL ON THE PASSING OF MS. JUDY ARANETA-ROXAS, DISTINGUISHED PHILANTHROPIST, HISTORICAL FIGURE, AND MATRIARCH OF THE ROXAS FAMILY, WHOSE LEGACY IN EDUCATION, LEADERSHIP, AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT HAS LEFT AN INDELIBLE MARK IN QUEZON CITY

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*Co-Introduced by Councilors Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Joseph P. Juico, Charm Ferrer, CPA, MPA, JD, Nicole "Nikki" V. Crisologo, Mikey F. Belmonte, Candy A. Medina, Atty. Voltaire Godofredo "Bong" Liban III, Dave C. Valmocina, Edgar "Egay" G. Yap, Nanette Castelo Daza, Imee Rillo, Atty. Jesus Miguel Suntay, Raquel S. Malañgen, Joseph Joe Visaya, Aiko Melendez, Karl Edgar Castelo, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D., Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Kristine Alexia Matias, RN, Victor "Vic" D. Bernardo, Vito Sotto Generoso, Erwin Rey "Cocoy" A. Medina, Jose Maria "Mari" M. Rodriguez and Jhon Angelli "Sami" C. Neri*

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that the 23<sup>rd</sup> Quezon City Council acknowledges the passing of Ms. Judy Araneta-Roxas, a distinguished woman of grace, strength, and unwavering dedication to her family and community;

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WHEREAS, as the cherished mother of former Senator Mar Roxas, Mrs. Araneta-Roxas provided the bedrock of support and instilled the values that guided her son's exemplary career in public service, marked by integrity, compassion, and a steadfast commitment to the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Quezon City Council deeply mourns the passing of Ms. Judy Araneta-Roxas, a distinguished Filipina whose life was characterized by service, resilience, and lasting contributions to education, democracy, and civic development;

WHEREAS, born on July 31, 1934, she is the daughter of Don Amado Araneta, the visionary founder of the Araneta Group, whose pioneering developments, such as Araneta Center, Smart Araneta Coliseum, and Gateway Complex, have become iconic landmarks integral to the growth of Quezon City;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Araneta-Roxas was a witness to history and an example of courage, having been among those injured during the Plaza Miranda bombing of 1971, a pivotal moment in the Country's democratic struggle, where she stood steadfast alongside her late husband, Senator Gerardo "Gerry" Roxas, in defense of freedom and good governance;

WHEREAS, she nurtured and sustained the Gerry Roxas Foundation (GRF), which has trained young leaders across the Country for decades. Among its awardees and beneficiaries is Quezon City Mayor Josefina "Joy" Belmonte, whose leadership today is a testament to Mrs. Araneta-Roxas' legacy of mentorship and empowerment;

WHEREAS, through the J. Amado Araneta Foundation (JAAF), Mrs. Araneta-Roxas advanced her lifelong advocacy for education and social development, playing a vital role during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 to ensure that students continued to receive scholarships and learning support despite the uncertainty;

WHEREAS, JAAF continues its enduring mission of supporting the education of Quezon City students by partnering with the Quezon City Government and the Schools Division Office in granting scholarships to deserving students, alongside training opportunities and community programs that help equip the youth with tools to achieve brighter futures;

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WHEREAS, as the matriarch of the Roxas Family, Mrs. Araneta-Roxas raised children who also became notable figures in national and civic leadership: former Senator Manuel “Mar” Roxas II, a statesman and reformist; Maria Lourdes “Ria” Roxas, an advocate for social causes; and the late Representative Gerardo “Dinggoy” Roxas Jr., one of the youngest legislators in history, remembered for his commitment to public service;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Araneta-Roxas’ life represents both a historic narrative and a continuing legacy — a tale of resilience, philanthropy, and public service that has indelibly shaped Quezon City and a legacy that continues to live on through her family, beneficiaries, and the institutions she strengthened.

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 condolences of the Quezon City Council on the passing of Ms. Judy Araneta-Roxas, distinguished philanthropist, historical figure, and matriarch of the Roxas Family, whose legacy in education, leadership, and community empowerment has left an indelible mark in Quezon City.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the 23<sup>rd</sup> Quezon City Council expresses its deepest and most heartfelt condolences to the family of the late Ms. Judy Araneta-Roxas, including former Senator Mar Roxas, recognizing the profound loss they have sustained and honoring her enduring legacy.

RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, that 23<sup>rd</sup> Quezon City Council commends the remarkable life of Ms. Judy Araneta-Roxas, acknowledging her invaluable role in shaping a family dedicated to public service and her significant contributions to the well-being of the community.

RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, that 23<sup>rd</sup> Quezon City Council affirms the enduring importance of family values, the strength derived from familiar bonds, and the lasting impact of a life lived with grace and purpose.

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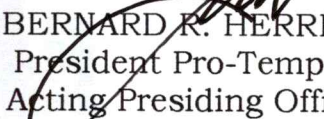
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*RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution be formally presented to the family of Ms. Judy Araneta-Roxas and disseminated to relevant institutions as a solemn expression of collective sympathy, respect, and remembrance.*


*ADOPTED: September 8, 2025.*

**CERTIFICATION**

*This is to certify that this Resolution was ADOPTED by the City Council on Second Reading on September 8, 2025 and was CONFIRMED on September 15, 2025.*

  
BERNARD R. HERRERA  
President Pro-Tempore  
Acting Presiding Officer

**ATTESTED:**

  
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