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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY**

# 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 17, 2025, at the Session Hall, Capitol Building, Lingayen, Pangasinan the following provincial resolution was approved:*

Authored by SP Member Nicholi Jan Louie Q. Sison

**PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 271-2025**

**HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF EMILIANO “MEL” VENEZUELA JOVELLANOS OF POZORRUBIO, PANGASINAN AND EXPRESSING THE PROVINCE’S DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS BEREAVED FAMILY**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Emiliano Venezuela Jovellanos, a native of Barangay Alipangpang, Pozorrubio, Pangasinan, known by many as Sir Mel and Laki Meling, and a prominent Pangasinense, author, poet, historian and composer, has peacefully passed away and returned to our Creator on February 9, 2025;

**WHEREAS**, Emiliano Venezuela Jovellanos honorably served as Municipal Secretary from 1988 to 1992, upholding the integrity of local governance and public records, and later as a Municipal Councilor from May 1993 to June 1995, where he played a vital role in policy making and legislation;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Jovellanos, a distinguished Pangasinan author, was a dedicated advocate for the development and propagation of the Pangasinan language and culture, earning the sobriquet “Champion of Pangasinan Language”;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Jovellanos, as the lexicographer of the first Pangasinan-English Language Dictionary, composer of the Benigno V. Aldana National High School and Pozorrubio hymns, and author of numerous literary works on Pozorrubio and Pangasinan, has made significant contributions to the preservation and promotion of the region’s language and culture;

**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Pangasinan commemorates Mr. Emiliano Venezuela Jovellanos for his steadfast commitment to preserving the province’s history, a source of inspiration to many Filipinos, and a legacy that will forever be remembered by the people of Pangasinan;

**WHEREFORE**, in view of the foregoing, on motion of SP Member Nicholi Jan Louie Q. Sison duly seconded, it was –



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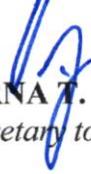
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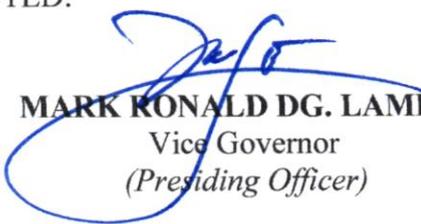
**RESOLVED**, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled to honor, as it is hereby honored, the life and legacy of Emiliano “Mel” Venezuela Jovellanos of Pozorrubio, Pangasinan, and express the province’s deepest sympathy to his bereaved family;

**RESOLVED, FINALLY**, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of Mr. Emiliano Venezuela Jovellanos of Barangay Alipangpang, Pozorrubio, Pangasinan, for their information.

CERTIFIED BY:

  
**VERNA T. NAVA-PEREZ**  
*Secretary to the Sanggunian*

ATTESTED:

  
**MARK RONALD DG. LAMBINO**  
Vice Governor  
*(Presiding Officer)*