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House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

May I extend my warmest congratulations to you, my Kababayans, the new officers as well as all members, on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary and Induction of Officers of the Tanjay Association in U.S.A. coinciding with your celebration of our Town Fiesta.

Once again, we gather on this memorable day to look back upon our roots, bond together, sharing reminiscences of the good old days in Tanjay.

Tanjay is our native soil. Time and again, even as we busy ourselves going about in the pursuit of our respective endeavors on foreign shores, we are inexorably drawn toward the aching need to hastily "pack our bags" on impulse, fly home to where we really belong, and spend precious time with our relatives and friends.

Realizing, however, the necessity and convenience of having to do what must be done, we strive to persist in continuing our business and professional commitments abroad.

But it just might be worthy of note that the great lands of promise oftentimes fail to provide us with the simple pleasures of life not to mention the financial cost and mental stress attendant to indulging in other pleasures which progressive countries do provide.

It is upon this premise that we find the rare opportunity to contribute in our own way to the acceleration of Tanjay's development.

With our means, our expertise, as well as our vast experience, coupled with a full implementation of the economic zones law (which includes Tanjay), progress cannot be far away.

Now is the time for Tanjayanons, Negrenses and all Filipinos to come home since the country is moving fast towards complete economic development while Filipinos are also enjoying the full blessing of a true and genuine democracy.

My brothers, one of these days, we will come home - to stay.

Thank you.

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