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“URGING THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR EXCEPTIONALLY GIFTED BANGSAMORO CHILDREN FROM ELEMENTARY TO SECONDARY LEVEL IN ALL FIELDS OF LEARNING”

WHEREAS, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights Article 26, recognizes that everyone has the right to education. Education is a fundamental right necessary for the growth of an individual and the development of society;

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education on all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all;

WHEREAS, the Education Act of 1982 or Batas Pambansa Bilang 232 provides that the State shall promote and maintain equality of access to education as well as enjoyment of the benefits of education by all its citizens. It further recognizes its responsibility to provide, within the context of the formal education system services to meet special needs of certain clientele which include the education of persons who are physically, mentally, emotionally, socially, culturally different from the so-called 'normal' individuals that they require modification of school practices/services to develop to their maximum capacity;

WHEREAS, DECS Order No. 26, s. 1997 entitled “Institutionalization of Special Education (SPED) Programs in All Schools”, provides equal educational opportunities to children with disabilities including talented/gifted children through the establishment of at least one SPED Center in every school division;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11054 or the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) provides under Article IX, Section 16 that it shall be a top priority of the Bangsamoro Government to establish, maintain, and support a complete and integrated system of quality education, which shall be a subsystem of the national education system. The Bangsamoro Government shall develop an educational framework relevant and responsive to the needs, ideals, and aspirations of the Bangsamoro people.

WHEREAS, it has been observed that there are only few schools in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region that offer SPED classes or with established SPED centers that caters to children with special needs especially those exceptionally gifted children;

WHEREAS, exceptionally gifted children as defined are those children who “demonstrate outstanding levels of aptitude or competence”. These are those children with the most skill or talent in science, math, music, language, logical reasoning, or other learning areas;

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish a special school for exceptionally gifted Bangsamoro children from elementary to secondary level for more focused attention and interventions. The special school shall provide a conducive environment in harnessing their full potentials necessary for their growth and development and later thus becoming an asset of the region for educational advancement and recognition;

WHEREAS, the proposed Special School for Exceptionally Gifted Bangsamoro Children (SSEGBC) shall employ special approaches on education. It shall implement special curriculum where students take part in enriched science, math, art, music and other learning areas. The school has strong emphasis on activities highlighting the student's strengths and areas for further growth and development. The special school shall also give greater emphasis on Arabic studies and Islamic values to nurture them the values of piety, responsibility and patriotism;

WHEREAS, the creation of the SSEGBC shall provide special attention to the needs of exceptionally gifted children and provide greater opportunity to produce a pool of young scientists, inventors, educators, artists, innovators, as well as future young leaders of the Bangsamoro Government;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PARLIAMENT to request the Office of the Chief Minister to establish a Special School for Exceptionally Gifted Bangsamoro Children in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) under the supervision of the Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education (MBHTE);

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Bangsamoro Government shall provide support for the development of the full potentials of exceptionally gifted Bangsamoro children through the implementation of special program that will develop their abilities, talents, interests and all aspects of their development to become more responsible and effective partners of the Bangsamoro Government.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copy of this resolution be furnished to the Office of Chief Minister, Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education and other concerned ministries/offices and agencies for information and appropriate action.

Adopted.



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