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A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE LEGACY LEFT TO US BY LATE CHAIRMAN AND FORMER GOVERNOR YUSOP JIKIRI OF PROVINCE OF SULU AND EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY

WHEREAS, Yusop Jikiri was a chairman of the Central Committee of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), one of the fiercest warriors of the MNLF and who had led most of the major offenses and defensive wars that earned him the title of GAGANDILAN from 1974-1986;

WHEREAS, chairman Jikiri was one of the strong pillars of the Bangsamoro, a Tausug leader, a pride of Sulu and a fighter who dedicated more than half of his life for the cause of the hula, bangsa and agama;

WHEREAS, he was a former governor of Sulu Province, of then Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, who also served as a Representative from 1st District of Sulu Province;

WHEREAS, his inaugural speech as a Governor in 2001, Jikiri said: "My government is your government, for truly I belong to you, I am among you, a son of a poor family. To this land I give my life, body and soul. Let me, therefore, seek your cooperation. Come to me as your elder brother, (or) even as your father and together we can make this land great once more in history";

WHEREAS, he was known as a humble and be remembered of his smile, a soft spoken and gentle in his ways. He preferred to stay behind the scene even during those times when he became the chairman of the MNLF;

WHEREAS, till the very end of his life, his main concern was to bring the full realization of the Bangsamoro people, harness the full economic potential of the Bangsamoro homeland, while creating the conditions where sustainable peace could take root and his ultimate goal was to create a better and brighter future for the Bangsamoro people;

WHEREAS, chairman Jikiri also led MNLF efforts to a tripartite meeting organized by the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) which called on the Philippine Government and the MNLF to review and preserve the gains of the 1996 Final Peace Agreement. The tripartite meeting, Jikiri said helped bridge the gap between MNLF and MILF which eventually resulted to the strong partnership in pushing for the BOL's passage and ratification. He noted that the BOL is a convergence of all the peace agreements between the Philippine Government and the Moro fronts (MNLF and MILF);





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WHEREAS, MNLF represented by chairman Jikiri and MILF led by then chairman Ebrahim signed an agreement of Partnership and Cooperation on the governance of the Bangsamoro government;

WHEREAS, chairman Jakiri was a truly Bangsamoro leader, a public servant and a beacon of peace worthy of emulation and recognition;

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2020, the Bangsamoro people lost an exemplary leader when Chairman Jikiri returned to the Mercy of the Almighty Allah but we take comfort by the fact that he has served well his Creator and the Bangsamoro people. May his good deeds be rewarded by Allah and his sins be forgiven May Allah admit him in Jannatul Firdaus, Ameen. Till we meet again;

WHEREAS, he left a legacy of dedication, compassion and love for the Bangsamoro cause. He was a benevolent leader and freedom fighter;

WHEREAS, beyond the various positions he held as a revolutionary and as a public servant, his passion, bravery and courage as a warrior in fighting for the Bangsamoro people that will best describe his legacy. This will reverberate forever and will be one of the pillars of the Bangsamoro who fought for self-determination; and

WHEREAS, IT IS **RESOLVED**, AS IT IS **HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Bangsamoro Transition Authority- Parliament adopts **A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE LEGACY LEFT TO US BY LATE CHAIRMAN AND FORMER GOVERNOR YUSOP JIKIRI OF PROVINCE OF SULU AND EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY.**

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