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PROPOSED RESOLUTION 538

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RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LATE ATTY. JOSE LUIS MARTIN C. GASCON FOR HIS VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION AS A HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATE AND HIS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE 1996 FINAL PEACE AGREEMENT WITH MORO NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT AND ORGANIZATION OF ISLAMIC COOPERATION'S PEACE COMMITTEE IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES, AND IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MORO ISLAMIC LIBERATION FRONT (MILF) DURING THE 2014 SIGNING OF THE COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT ON THE BANGSAMORO (CAB)

WHEREAS, Jose Luis Martin C. Gascon also known as "Chito Gascon" is a Filipino lawyer, civil organizer, and human-rights activist.

WHEREAS, in 2015, Chito Gascon was appointed by the then President Benigno S. Aquino III as the Chair of the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines serving a term from 2015-2022. He served as member of the Human Rights Victims' Claims Board, where he held a rank equivalent to Justice of the Court of Appeals. He was the youngest member to both the 1987 Constitutional Commission and the 8th Philippine Congress where he helped pass landmark legislation with the creation of the Sanggunian Kabataan and Republic Act 7610, a special law providing protection to children from abuse.

WHEREAS, Gascon was a panel member of peace negotiations with the National Democratic Front between 2001 to 2004. From 2010-2014, he chaired the Government's Human Rights Monitoring Committee. The Committee monitored the peace process within the Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law framework.

WHEREAS, aside from his involvement in civil society, Gascon was active in reconciliation efforts with insurgent groups. He was a member of Technical Working Group on Power Sharing with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, an alternate panel member in the peace talks with the MILF. Gascon also a member of AdHoc High-Level Working group for the Tripartite Review of the 1996 Final Peace Agreement with the Moro National Liberation Front and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation's Peace Committee for Southern Philippines.

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WHEREAS, on March 27, 2014, on the signing of the CAB (Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro) Gascon was one of the signatories who sealed the comprehensive agreement as panel consultant of the GPH (Government of the Philippines);

WHEREAS, Gascon graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy degree from the University of the Philippines Diliman in 1988. He also later earned his Bachelor of Laws degree in UP in 1999 and finished a Master of Laws degree at Cambridge in 1997.

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2021 the human rights champion succumbed to COVID-19 at 57.

WHEREAS, his valuable contribution, works and efforts will forever be cherished appreciated and remain to be perpetual in the hearts and minds of his fellow human rights advocates;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Parliament – Bangsamoro Transition Authority of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao on **RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LATE ATTY. JOSE LUIS MARTIN C. GASCON FOR HIS VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION AS A HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATE AND HIS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE 1996 FINAL PEACE AGREEMENT WITH MORO NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT AND ORGANIZATION OF ISLAMIC COOPERATION'S PEACE COMMITTEE IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES, AND IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MORO ISLAMIC LIBERATION FRONT (MILF) DURING THE 2014 SIGNING OF THE COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT ON THE BANGSAMORO (CAB)**;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to his bereaved family and to his family in the Commission on Human Rights.

Adopted, October _____, 2021.

Author:



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Member of the Parliament – Bangsamoro Transition Authority

PROF. RABY B. ANGKAL
Secretary General

Attested by:

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Speaker