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A RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY ON THE DEATH OF TAUSUG HISTORIAN DR. SAMUEL KONG TAN, AND RECOGNIZING HIS LEGACY IN THE FIELD OF HISTORY, AND IN DOCUMENTING THE HISTORY OF THE BANGSAMORO AND MINDANAO

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2022, prominent Bangsamoro historian and academician Dr. Samuel “Seng” Kong Tan passed away at the age of 88;

WHEREAS, Dr. Tan is of Chinese-Tausug-Sama parentage and was born in Siasi, Sulu, on December 30, 1933. He authored more than 20 books, which writings Philippine National Historical Society (PNHS) President Bernadita Churchill, Ph.D. noted as having nurtured Bangsamoro cultural sensibilities as well as having pioneered a novel way of perceiving the Bangsamoro identity as part of the Philippine historical narrative;

WHEREAS, his background of academic excellence is shown by his exceptional educational aptitude. He completed his primary and secondary education at the Jolo Tong Jin School in 1949, and Zamboanga City High School in 1953, respectively, both as valedictorian. He then completed his AB degree in History at the Zamboanga A.E. Colleges in 1963 as summa cum laude; finished his Master’s Degree in History from the University of the Philippines (UP) in 1967; and obtained his Ph.D. in Social Science from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs in Syracuse University, New York, in 1973;

WHEREAS, Samuel Tan is also an esteemed academician whose life was rife with wisdom and experience. He taught at the Department of History in UP, the nation’s premier state university, and became its Department Chair. In 1994, he became a Director and Convenor of the Mindanao Studies Program of the UP Center for Integrative and Development Studies;

WHEREAS, a dedicated historian and a champion for the country’s culture and arts, he held several key government positions such as Chairman-Executive Director of the National

Historical Institute (NHI), a Commissioner of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), and a Commissioner of the National Centennial Commission (NCC). He was also a Research Fellow, coordinator, and consultant of the Regional Histories Project of the National Library and a consultant for history and culture of the Southern Philippines Development Authority (SPDA);

WHEREAS, the immense contributions of Dr. Tan to the betterment of Philippine history is acclaimed both domestically and internationally, including the distinct honor of being a recipient of a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship (1970-1973), the UP Professorial Chair for History (1988), the Fulbright Hays Research Grant (1984), the Ford-Rockefeller Grant (1993), the Chiang Ching Kua Foundation Research Grant (1995), the UP Alumni Association Outstanding Award for History (1998), the NHI Distinguished Service Award (1998), the NCCA Distinguished Commissioner Award (1999), the Toyota Foundation Grant (2002), and the Lifetime Achievement Award for History awarded by the PNHS;

WHEREAS, among his landmark books on Filipino Muslims and the Bangsamoro struggle for self-determination include *The Muslim Armed Struggle in the Philippines, 1900-1941* (1973); *A History of the Philippines* (1987); *Decolonization and Filipino Muslim Identity* (1989); *Internationalization of the Bangsamoro Struggle* (1993); *The Critical Decade, 1921-1930* (1993); *The Filipino-American War, 1899-1913* (2002); and the three-volume *Surat Sug: Letters of the Sultanate of Sulu* (2005) and *The Muslim South and Beyond* (2010);

WHEREAS, with the passing of Dr. Samuel K. Tan, he leaves behind a legacy of an exhaustive but substantial amount of academic writings through which the lives of the marginalized, including those of the Muslim South, are fittingly weaved into the national history discourse;

WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel Tan's immeasurable contributions to the Bangsamoro people deserve not only our gratitude but our utmost respect. It is only relevant that the Bangsamoro Parliament recognize his legacy of shaping the Bangsamoro identity in the chronicles of Philippine history, and honor him for his exemplary dedication towards the betterment of the history of the Bangsamoro;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to express the profound sympathy and condolences of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority on the death of Tausug Historian Dr. Samuel Kong Tan, recognizing his legacy in the field of history, and in documenting the history of the Bangsamoro and Mindanao.

Adopted,

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