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**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND GRIEF OF THE BTA
PARLIAMENT ON THE PASSING OF PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR AKMAD
ATLAH SAKKAM, PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR TO THE HASHEMITE
KINGDOM OF JORDAN, AND ITS SYMPATHIES TO HIS BEREAVED FAMILY**

WHEREAS, on 08 February 2023 (17 Rajab 1444), Ambassador Akmad Atlah Sakkam, Philippine Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan with concurrent jurisdiction over the State of Palestine, has returned to the Mercy of the Almighty Allah (s.w.t.);

WHEREAS, Ambassador Sakkam had previously served as Philippine Ambassador to Iraq (1986-1992), Bahrain (1994-1999) and Oman (1999-2003);

WHEREAS, his career as a diplomat spanned more than two decades and he had served under five different administrations;

WHEREAS, as Ambassador, he was awarded a Special Presidential Award of Merit by President Corazon Aquino for his role in the successful evacuation of thousands Filipino workers in Kuwait and Iraq during the first Gulf War of 1991;

WHEREAS, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) awarded him the Distinguished Service Award in 2012 in cognizance of “the highest degree of professionalism and substantial contribution to the advancement of the national interests abroad in the areas of bilateral, regional and multilateral relations;”

WHEREAS, as a former member of the Bangsamoro Transition Commission (BTC) from 2014-2016, he was instrumental in the crafting of the original version of the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL);

WHEREAS, as a Tausug, a Moro, who hailed from the towns of Indanan and Patikul, he advocated the advancement of the Bangsamoro cause and our inherent right to self-determination;

WHEREAS, his demise is an immense loss to the Bangsamoro and the Philippine nation as a whole;

WHEREAS, his bereaved family can find comfort and strength in knowing that the Bangsamoro people join them in mourning and in prayers and in trusting that Ambassador Sakkam has returned to his Creator for “*to Allah (Almighty God) we belong, and to Him is our return.*” (*Qur'an 2:156*);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the BTA Parliament, to express its profound grief on the passing of Ambassador Akmad Atlah Sakkam, and its sympathies to his bereaved family.

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the family of the good Ambassador Sakkam.

Adopted, _____.

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