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RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY ON THE DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER OF THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION COMMISSION AND FORMER AMBASSADOR HIS EXCELLENCY AKMAD SAKKAM, AND TO RECOGNIZE HIS CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE BANGSAMORO

WHEREAS, His Excellency (H.E.) Akmad Sakkam was a former ambassador and member of the Bangsamoro Transition Commission (BTC);

WHEREAS, the BTC was a government body which was tasked to aid in crafting the draft of the Bangsamoro Basic Law as well as the transition body in the areas to form the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region until the constitution of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority and formal creation of the autonomous region;

WHEREAS, H.E. Sakkam is a Tausug who hailed from Indanan Sulu and was appointed by former President Rodrigo Roa Duterte as one of the fifteen (15) members of BTC from 2014 to 2016;

WHEREAS, He joined the Department of Foreign Affairs in 1986 and spent most of his professional life in diplomacy. He is a multi-awarded diplomat who received a Special Presidential Award of Merit from former President Corazon Aquino for his "outstanding service to the country for the safe evacuation of thousands of Filipino workers from Kuwait and Iraq" during the first Gulf War of 1991;

WHEREAS, he is also a recipient of Distinguished Service Award from the Department of Foreign Affairs in recognition 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 in 2012;"

WHEREAS, Sakkam spent fifteen (15) years of his life as Ambassador in Iraq, Bahrain and Oman, respectively, spanning four administrations from Corazon Aquino to Gloria Macapagal Arroyo;

WHEREAS, in 2018, President Duterte appointed him as Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, with concurrent jurisdiction over the State of Palestine;

WHEREAS, Sakkam has lived a meaningful life and has brought honor and pride not only to the Tausugs but to the whole Bangsamoro. His contributions in the government service especially his dedication and hard work in drafting the Bangsamoro Basic Law is immeasurable.

NOW THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to express the profound sympathy and sincere condolences of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority on the death of member of the Bangsamoro Transition Commission and former Ambassador, His Excellency Akmad Sakkam, and to recognize his contributions in the Bangsamoro;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to present the foregoing Resolution to his family, as a testament of great appreciation and honor of the Bangsamoro People to the late Sakkam.

Adopted, _____.

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