



FIRST REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 299

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE UTMOST APPRECIATION OF THE BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT TO HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT FERDINAND ROMUALDEZ MARCOS, JR. FOR APPOINTING PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER ON PEACE, RECONCILIATION, AND UNIFICATION GENERAL CARLITO GUANCING GALVEZ, JR. AFP (RET) AS THE NEW SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE, AND CONGRATULATING HIM FOR HIS APPOINTMENT

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2023, President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. named Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr. as the 37th secretary of the Department of National Defense (DND), who will bring with him to the Department his vast years of leadership experience as a military commander and as a public servant;

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Parliament welcomes the appointment of Secretary Galvez, who was known to have led the campaign for the plebiscite and eventual ratification of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL);

WHEREAS, Secretary Galvez served as the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity who relentlessly supported the peace process in the Bangsamoro region;

WHEREAS, among his efforts to sustain the Bangsamoro peace process include facilitating the appointment of an inclusive Parliament and the historic reunification of Bangsamoro leaders;

WHEREAS, as a graduate of the Philippine Military Academy "SANDIWA" class of 1985, the former Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines is a battle-seasoned and retired four-star general, who spent most of his military service career in mainland Mindanao, particularly in the provinces of Basilan and Sulu;

WHEREAS, as a known champion of the continued peace process in Mindanao, the former peace chief is best remembered for leading the defense of Lamitan City during the height of the "Zamboanga Siege" as commander of the Western Mindanao Command (WestMinCom), as well as the liberation of the city of Marawi against the Maute-ASG-ISIS terror group;

WHEREAS, for two consecutive years, in 2000 and 2001, then Commander Galvez, Jr. headed the First Scout Ranger Battalion in Sulu and Basilan where it was recognized as the Best Scout Ranger Battalion and Philippine Army Best Battalion in Combat Operations; in 2007, he was awarded as one of the "The Outstanding Philippine Soldiers (TOPS);"

WHEREAS, Secretary Galvez, Jr. is a decorated officer with two (2) Philippine Legion of Honor Medals, three (3) Distinguished Service Stars, two (2) Outstanding Achievement Medals, six (6) Gold Cross Medals, eight (8) Bronze Cross Medals, forty (40) Military Merit and Commendation Medals, and a Wounded Personnel Medal;

WHEREAS, due to his genuine commitment to the peace process, he was lauded and awarded in 2022 by the United Nations Resident Coordinator in the Philippines himself, Gustavo Gonzalez;

WHEREAS, Sec. Galvez has held key government positions as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations; Chairman of the Government of the Philippines Coordinating Committees on the Cessation

of Hostilities (GPH-CCCH); and Deputy Commander for Peace Process of the Western Mindanao Command;

WHEREAS, his earnest desire for lasting peace and order is worth emulating, and shall serve as a standard for the next generation of leaders in the country;

WHEREAS, the Parliament likewise congratulates Sec. Galvez and recognizes and appreciates his unparalleled contribution in the Parliament and to the Bangsamoro people in general:

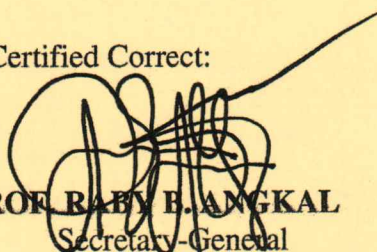
NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, To express the utmost appreciation of the Bangsamoro Parliament to His Excellency President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos, Jr. for appointing Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unification General Carlito Guancing Galvez, Jr. AFP (RET) as the new secretary of the Department of the National Defense, and congratulating him for his appointment.

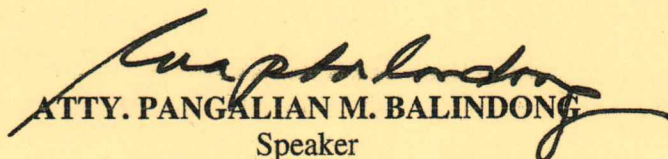
RESOLVED, FURTHER, That a copy of this Resolution be presented to the Office of the President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos, Jr., copy-furnished Secretary Carlito Guancing Galvez, Jr., for information.

ADOPTED, *Jumada Al-Akhirah* 23, 1444/January 16, 2023.

Certified Correct:


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Speaker

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