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CALL TO ORDER

*At 1:59 p.m.*, the Presiding Officer, Deputy Speaker Omar Yasser C. Sema, called the session to order.

INVOCATION

MP Abdulwahab M. Pak led the invocation

SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND THE BANGSAMORO HYMN

The Body sang the national anthem and the Bangsamoro Hymn.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General, Prof. Raby B. Angkal, called the Roll and the following Members of the Parliament, who were physically present in the Session Hall, responded to the call:

1. Hon. Akmad I. Abas
2. Hon. Mosber E. Alauddin
3. Hon. Ibrahim D. Ali
4. Hon. Lanang T. Ali, Jr.
5. Hon. Abdulaziz M. Amenoden
6. Hon. Baintan A. Ampatuan
7. Hon. Susana S. Anayatin
8. Hon. Mohammad Kelie U. Antao
9. Hon. Mary Ann M. Arnado
10. Hon. Dan S. Asnawie
11. Hon. Pangalian M. Balindong
12. Hon. Hashemi N. Dilangalen
13. Hon. Abdullah E. Gayak
14. Hon. Abdullah B. Hashim
15. Hon. Rasul E. Ismael
16. Hon. Muslimin A. Jakilan

17. Hon. Denmartin A. Kahalan
18. Hon. John Anthony L. Lim
19. Hon. Tarhata M. Maglangit
20. Hon. Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam
21. Hon. Amilbahar S. Mawallil
22. Hon. Froilyn T. Mendoza
23. Hon. Michael E. Midtimbang
24. Hon. Abdulkarim E. Misuari
25. Hon. NurRedha I. Misuari
26. Hon. Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr.
27. Hon. Abdulwahab M. Pak
28. Hon. Ali O. Salik
29. Hon. Salendab Z. Said
30. Hon. Omar Yasser C. Sema
31. Hon. Romeo K. Sema
32. Hon. Aida M. Silongan
33. Hon. Kadil M. Sinolinding, Jr.
34. Hon. Nabil A. Tan
35. Hon. Adzfar H. Usman
36. Hon. Sittie Fahanie S. Uy-Oyod

The following Members of the Parliament, who were virtually present, also responded to the call:

1. Hon. Basit S. Abbas
2. Hon. Laisa M. Alamia
3. Hon. Eddie M. Alih
4. Hon. Bai Maleiha B. Candao
5. Hon. Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman
6. Hon. Diamila D. Ramos
7. Hon. Said M. Shiek

The following Members of the Parliament appeared after the roll call:

1. Hon. Mudjib C. Abu
2. Hon. Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba
3. Hon. Tawakal B. Midtimbang
4. Hon. Randolph C. Parcasio
5. Hon. Ramon A. Piang, Sr.

The following Member of the Parliament was on official business:

1. Hon. Ahod B. Ebrahim

The following Members of the Parliament were absent:

1. Hon. Haron M. Abas
2. Hon. Suharto M. Ambolodto
3. Hon. Ali Montaha D. Babao
4. Hon. Anna Tarhata S. Basman
5. Hon. Suharto S. Esmael
6. Hon. Matarul M. Estino
7. Hon. Eduard U. Guerra
8. Hon. Khalid Ma-Amor. Hadji Abdullah
9. Hon. Hatimil E. Hassan
10. Hon. Mohagher M. Iqbal

11. Hon. Raissa H. Jajurie
12. Hon. Albakil D. Jikiri
13. Hon. Faizal G. Karon
14. Hon. Benjamin T. Loong
15. Hon. Don Mustapha A. Loong
16. Hon. Jose I. Lorena
17. Hon. Abdulraof A. Macacua
18. Hon. Abdullah G. Macapaar
19. Hon. Marjanie S. Macasalong
20. Hon. Amroussi A. Macatanong
21. Hon. Hamid U. Malik
22. Hon. Baileng S. Mantawil
23. Hon. Ishak V. Mastura
24. Hon. Hussein P. Muñoz
25. Hon. Suwaib L. Oranon
26. Hon. Ubaida C. Pacasem
27. Hon. Ali B. Sangki
28. Hon. Ali B. Solaiman
29. Hon. Paisalin P. Tago
30. Hon. Bassir D. Utto
31. Hon. Mohammad S. Yacob

With forty-three (43) Members of the Parliament present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

#### AMENDMENT OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

On motion of the Acting Majority Floor Leader, Deputy Majority Floor Leader Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body amended the Order of Business by including Proposed Resolution No. 162 in the Reference of Business.

#### READING AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 17

On motion of MP Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journal of the previous session, Journal No. 17 dated January 24, 2023, and approved the same, subject to style.

#### BILLS ON FIRST READING

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the titles and the names of authors and co-authors of the following bills on First Reading:

1. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 109, entitled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LEVEL-1 GENERAL HOSPITAL IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF LANTAWAN, PROVINCE OF BASILAN, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Authors: MPs Amilbahar S. Mawallil, Hatimil E. Hassan, Muslimin A. Jakilan,  
and Laisa M. Alamia

Co-authors: MPs Mosber E. Alauddin, Baintan A. Ampatuan, Suharto M.  
Ambolodto, Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr., Don Mustapha A. Loong, and Rasul E.  
Ismael

2. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 110, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING THE BANGSAMORO COMMISSION ON  
POPULATION MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT,  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES

Author: MP Kadil M. Sinolinding, Jr.

3. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 111, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING THE RANAW DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Authors: MPs Diamila D. Ramos, Lanang T. Ali, Jr., Ali B. Solaiman,  
Marjanie S. Macasalong, Abdullah G. Macapaar, Basit S. Abbas, Said  
M. Shiek, Ali Montaha D. Babao, Khalid M. Hadji Abdullah,  
Abdulaziz M. Amenoden, Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman,  
Amroussi A. Macatanong, Eddie M. Alih, Amilbahar S. Mawallil, and  
Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr.

Co-authors: MPs Susana S. Anayatin, Baintan A. Ampatuan, and Suharto S.  
Esmael

4. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 112, entitled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING SUPPORT TO THE WELFARE AND  
CARE FOR ORPHANS BY ESTABLISHING BANGSAMORO  
ORPHANAGES IN THE REGION, AND PROVIDING FUNDS  
THEREOF

Authors: MPs Diamila D. Ramos, Ali B. Solaiman, Marjanie S. Macasalong,  
Abdullah G. Macapaar, Basit S. Abbas, Said M. Shiek, Khalid M.  
Hadji Abdullah, Eddie M. Alih, Amilbahar S. Mawallil, Nabila  
Margarita P. Pangandaman, and Abdulaziz M. Amenoden

Co-authors: MPs Ali Montaha D. Babao, Amroussi A. Macatanong, Susana S.  
Anayatin, Baintan A. Ampatuan, Suharto S. Esmael, and Kadil M.  
Sinolinding, Jr.

## READING AND REFERRAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO COMMITTEE

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the names of author and co-authors of Proposed Resolution No. 109 which, on motion of MP Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, was referred to the appropriate committee, entitled:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CALL OF PRESIDENT FERDINAND “BONGBONG” MARCOS, JR. TO CREATE AND ORGANIZE A DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH) IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM)

Author: MP Baintan A. Ampatuan.

Co-authors: MPs Amilbahar S. Mawallil, Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr., Laisa M. Alamia, Suharto M. Ambolodto, Don Mustapha A. Loong, Rasul E. Ismael, Khalid M. Hadji Abdullah, Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam, and Bassir D. Utto

To the Committee on Public Works

## PROPOSED SIMPLE RESOLUTION NO. 132

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the titles and the name of author of the Proposed Resolution No. 132 which, on motion of MP Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, was treated by the Body as simple resolution, entitled:

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ABDUL BATERBONIA LUMANGGAL, A BANGSAMORO GRADUATE OF UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MINDANAO, FOR OBTAINING 10TH PLACE WITH AN IMPRESSIVE RATING OF 92.60% AMONGST THE 231,002 EXAMINEES IN THE OCTOBER 2022 LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR TEACHERS

Author: MP Kadil M. Sinolinding, Jr.

## DISPENSING WITH THE PERIODS OF INTERPELLATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

On motion of MP Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, the periods of interpellations and amendments on Proposed Resolution No. 132 were dispensed with.

## APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 132

On motion of MP Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body approved Proposed Resolution No. 132 and consolidated it with Proposed Resolution No. 148 which the Body approved in the previous day.

## PROPOSED SIMPLE RESOLUTION NO. 146

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the names of the author and the co-authors of Proposed Resolution No. 146 which, on motion of MP Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, was treated by the Body as a simple resolution, entitled:

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE JOURNEY OF MS. FAUZIA TUMBAS - LIDASAN, A BANGSAMORO WOMAN AIMING TO REACH THE MT. EVEREST PEAK BY MAY 2025

Author: MP Lanang T. Ali, Jr.

Co-authors: MPs Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba, Diamila D. Ramos, Susana S. Anayatin, Ali O. Salik, and Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman

## SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF MP ALI (L), JR.

In sponsoring Proposed Resolution No. 146, MP Ali (L), Jr. delivered the following speech:

*Bismillahir rahmanir raheem.*

My courtesy and respect to Speaker Atty. Pangalian Balindong, to the Chief Minister of the BARMM, Hon. Chief Minister Ahod B. Ibrahim, to all Deputy Speakers and to all Members of the Parliament Bangsamoro, assalamu alaykum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.

Mr. Speaker, today, I present the journey of our fellow Bangsamoro, a woman, Miss Fauziah Tumbas, also known as “faw”. She was born in Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao. She is the daughter of former Vice Mayor Muslimen Tumbas. Mr. Speaker, she is the niece of the top 300 commanders also known as Sir Taps.

During the time of former President Joseph Estrada, she served as a medical volunteer for wounded Mujahedin. She is a school Nurse, a Registered Nurse of Minister Basic Higher and Technical Education.

Mr. Speaker, *mayroon po siyang pangarap na gustong maabot, ito ay maakyat ang kataas-taasan ng bundok ng Mount Everest. Nagsimula po siya sakanyang paglalakbay dito muna sa ating magagandang bundok. Inakyat niya po ang Mount Apo, Mount Matutum, at Mount Kalatungan sa Bukidnon.*

*Bilang pag iinsayo o training sakanyang mas mahabang journey, noong 2022, inakyat po ni Ms. Faw ang Mt. Tharpu Chuli, Nepal na may taas na 5,663 meters. Noong 2022 Mr. Speaker, inakyat niya po ang Mt. Annapurna Base Camp, ito po ang base camp, isa sa mga base camp ng Mt. Everest.*

*Ang Mt. Everest is the earth's highest mountain above sea level at 8,849 meters or 29,032 feet located in Mahalang or Himalaya, a submerge of Himalaya between Nepal and Tibet, an Autonomous Region of China.*

*Heracleo "Leo" Oracion was the first Filipino to reach the peak of Mt. Everest on May 17, 2006. Mr. Oracion was the first Filipino who reached the summit of the Mt. Everest through the South Col route and raised the flag of the Philippines. On April 22, Fauziah, together with the Yabag Mountaineering set afoot to trek the Mt. Everest. Sa pag akyat po nito Mr. Speaker, niwagayway po ng ating kababayang Bangsamoro ang bandila ng Bangsamoro.*

*Nakikita po natin sa larawan, Mr. Speaker, na kahit saang bahagi po ng base camp ng Mt. Everest ay dala po ng ating kababayan ang bandila ng Bangsamoro. Iyan po ang ating kababayan na si Fauziah Tumbas Lidasan, habang winawagayway po ang bandila ng Bangsamoro sa base camp ng Mt. Everest.*

*Ito po ang mga susunod na paglalakbay kasama po sa training ang pag akyat ng mga bundok na ito. Lahat po ng umaakyat sa Mt. Everest ay dumadaan sa matinding pag eensayo sa matinding training, tulad ng pag akyat noong April 2022, ang susunod po na pag akyat niya ay sa Mt. Cho Oyu, China na mayroong taas na 8,188 meters, ito po ay magaganap sa April. Ang susunod pala na aakyat niya, Mr. Speaker ay ang Mt. Kilimanjaro, Tanzania na may taas na 5,895 meters, ito'y mangyayari sa June 2023, ito po ay may 7 days na pag akyat sa bundok. Ang susunod po na kanyang training Mr. Speaker, ay sa Mera Peak, Nepal, aakyat po siya diyan sa bundok na iyan sa mga bandang November 2023 na may taas na 6,476 meters or 18 days ang journey po dito na kakailanganin.*

*Ang susunod po na aakyat ni Ms. Faw ay Mt. Cho Oyu, China, na may taas na 8188 meters. Ito ay magaganap sa April 2024 or mag tatagal ang paglalakbay na ito, ang*

*training na ito, ng 45 days. After all these trainings, Ms. Faw will finally take her journey to the Mt. Everest of Nepal in May 2025 na mayroon pong taas na 8,849 meters, ito kakailanganin ng 90 days na paglalakbay hanggang marating po ang pinaka mataas na Mt. Everest. And nakalagay po sa ating banal na Qur-an Mr. Speaker "and whoever relies upon Allah then He is sufficient for him. Indeed, Allah will accomplish his purpose. Allah has already set for everything a decreed extent".*

*Mr. Speaker, Ms. Fawzia Tumbas-Lidasan is truly a pride of Bangsamoro people.*

*Assalamu alaykum warahmatullahi wabarakatuhu. Maraming salamat po.*

## OPENING OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

On motion of MP Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, the period of interpellations was opened.

## INTERPELLATIONS OF MP SINOLINDING, JR.

MP Sinolinding, Jr. inquired the kind of support that the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao and the BTA Parliament could offer in the endeavor of Ms. Tumbas-Lidasan, to which MP Ali (L), Jr. replied that they could offer monetary and moral support as well as *dua* for the success of Ms. Tumbas-Lidasan's journey.

*At this point*, the Chair inquired on the matter of granting leave of absence to Ms. Tumbas-Lidasan since she is a registered nurse of the Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (MBHTE), to which MP Ali (L), Jr. responded that the passage of the resolution would be an honor for Ms. Tumbas-Lidasan.

MP Sinolinding, Jr. manifested that they should support their fellow Bangsamoro who has dreamed and planned to conquer the Peak of Mount Everest. He urged the Members of the BTA Parliament to support the passage of Proposed Resolution No. 146, saying that Ms. Tumbas-Lidasan is the pride of the Bangsamoro.

## MANIFESTATION OF THE CHAIR

The Chair manifested that he wanted to be associated with the Proposed Resolution No. 146.

## MANIFESTATION OF MP AMPATUAN

MP Ampatuan manifested that she joined the author in commending Ms. Fauziah Tumbas-Lidasan who would be reaching the Peak of Mount Everest.

MP Ampatuan said that she agreed with the first whereas of the resolution which states that Ms. Tumbas-Lidasan is the first Bangsamoro mountain climber who conquered and raised the Bangsamoro flag at the base camp height of the highest mountain in the world, Mt. Everest. She, however, informed the Body that prior to the climb of Ms. Tumbas-Lidasan, there were also two Bangsamoro women who reached the base camp of Mount Everest in the name of Atty. Lailanie C. Tiboron and Engineer Analisa Lumedek, who reached the base on May 20, 2016 and April 20, 2017, respectively.



In relation to the interpellation of MP Sinolinding, Jr. on the support that Ms. Tumbas-Lidasan would be needing, MP Ampatuan shared to the Body that a minimum of Five Million Pesos is needed in order to climb the Peak of Mount Everest based on what was said to her by one of the climbers. She added that since Ms. Tumbas-Lidasan is an employee of the MBHTE, the ministry could also help in supporting her.

MP Ampatuan expressed her full support to the journey of Ms. Tumbas-Lidasan.

#### INTERPELLATION OF MP LIM

MP Lim manifested that in behalf of the island provinces of Sulu and Tawi-Tawi, he supported Ms. Fauziah Tumbas-Lidasan for bringing the flag of the Bangsamoro to the highest peak of the world and to greater heights.

As to what other support the Body could give to Ms. Tumbas-Lidasan, MP Ali (L), Jr. replied that Ms. Tumbas-Lidasan would need monetary and moral support for her training, adding that even *duas* would be a big help to her. He added that Ms. Tumbas-Lidasan would be needing around P250,000 for her training in Tanzania, Africa.

MP Lim stated that he would talk with the leaders of the Province of Tawi-Tawi, saying that the Province of Tawi-Tawi would shoulder part of the airfare expenses of Ms. Tumbas-Lidasan.

*At this time*, the Chair pledged that his office would give P20,000 for the training of Ms. Tumbas-Lidasan.

#### MANIFESTATION OF MP MITMUG, JR.

MP Mitmug Jr. suggested that they could tap the Bangsamoro Women Commission and the Bangsamoro Sports Commission in extending support to Ms. Tumbas-Lidasan. He manifested that he would introduce some amendments at the proper time.

#### MANIFESTATION OF MP ABAS (A)

MP Abas (A) manifested that he would like to be associated with the resolution. He informed the Body that Ms. Tumbas-Lidasan is the daughter of the former Vice Mayor of Sultan Kudarat and granddaughter of his comrade, Paps Johanie.

MP Abas (A) suggested that all Members of Parliament should give a reward to Ms. Tumbas-Lidasan for her strong guts to reach the Peak of Mt. Everest.

#### TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

On motion of MP Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of interpellations.

#### OPENING OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

On motion of MP Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body opened the period of amendments.

#### AMENDMENTS OF MP MITMUG, JR.

MP Mitmug, Jr., introduced an amendment by adding the following resolutory clause:

RESOLVED FURTHER, THAT THE BANGSAMORO WOMEN COMMISSION (BWC) AND THE BANGSAMORO SPORTS COMMISSION ARE HEREBY TASKED TO PROVIDE MS. FAUZIA TUMBAS-LIDASAN THE NEEDED ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO PREPARE AND AID HER IN HER JOURNEY TO REACH THE PEAK OF MT. EVEREST.

The foregoing amendment of MP Mitmug, Jr., was accepted by the proponent, MP Ali (L), Jr.

#### INFORMATION OF MP ARNADO

MP Arnado informed the Body that MP Piang, Sr. had manifested to be a co-author of Proposed Resolution No. 146.

## TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

On motion of MP Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

## APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION

On motion of MP Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body approved Proposed Resolution No. 146.

## READING AND REFERRAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 153 TO COMMITTEE

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the names of the authors of the Proposed Resolution No. 153 which, on motion of MP Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, was referred to the Committee of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education, entitled:

A RESOLUTION EARNESTLY REQUESTING THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE AND ALLOW ONE (1) REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE ASSOCIATIONS OF MADARIS, MA'AHAD, MARKADZ, AND KULLIYAH IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE APPROPRIATE BANGSAMORO MINISTRIES, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ON MATTERS DEALING WITH ISLAMIC EDUCATION

Authors: MPs Abdullah E. Gayak, Eddie M. Alih, and Romeo K. Sema

## SUSPENSION OF SESSION

*At 2:53 p.m.*, the Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session.

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 2:54 p.m.*, the session was resumed.

## SIMPLE PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 162

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the name of authors and co-authors of Proposed Resolution No. 162 which, on motion of MP

Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, was treated by the Body as simple resolution, entitled:

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT OF THE  
BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT TO SENATE BILL NO. 1272  
AND HOUSE BILL NO. 5693, BOTH DECLARING THE FIRST DAY  
OF FEBRUARY OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL HIJAB DAY  
AND PROMOTING AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE MUSLIM  
TRADITION OF WEARING A HIJAB

Author: MPs Diamila D. Ramos, Baintan A. Ampatuan, Laisa M. Alamia, Susana S. Anayatin, Eddie M. Alih, NurRedha I. Misuari, Khalid M. Hadji Abdullah, and Kadil M. Sinolinding, Jr.

Co-authors: MPs Bai Maleiha B. Candao, Fahanie S. Uy-Oyod, Ali B. Solaiman, Abdulwahab Pak, Lanang Ali Jr., Sha Elijah Dumama Alba, Ali Montaha D. Babao, Michael Midtimbang, Rasul Ismael, Hussein Munoz, Faizal Karon, Tarhata M. Maglangit, and Mohammad Kelie Antao

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

*At 2:57 p.m., the Chair suspended the session.*

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 3:00 p.m., the session was resumed.*

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF MP AMPATUAN

In sponsoring Proposed Resolution No. 162, MP Ampatuan delivered the following speech of MP Ramos:

*Bismillahi Rahmani Rahim.*

*Assalamualaikum wa Rahmatullāhi wa Barakātuho.*

*Malugod ko pong binabati ang ating mga kasamahan sa BTA Parliament — ang ating Chief Minister Ahod Balawag Ebrahim, Deputy Chief Minister Ali B. Solaiman, Speaker Atty. Pangalian Balindong, Deputy Speakers, Floor Leader, Deputy Floor Leaders, mga kapwa Meyembro ng Parlamento lalo na sa ating mga kasamhang authors at co-authors ng Proposed Resolution No. 162 na sumusuporta sa pagsasabatas ng National Hijab Day, mga panauhin at mga tagasubaybay ng ating live session, isang mapayapa at magandang hapon po sa inyong lahat.*

*Bawat taon ay ginugunita ng buong mundo ang pagdiriwang ng “Hijab Day.” Ang pangunahing layunin nito ay hindi ang pagsusulong ng relihiyon, kung hindi ay ang pagtataguyod sa karapatan ng mga kababaihan na maproteksyunan mula sa diskriminasyon, mula sa kawalan o pagpigil sa oportunidad, at lalong lalo na mula sa*

*posibleng karahasan at iba pang hindi makatarungang trato sa kanila dahil lamang sa desisyon nilang magsuot ng hijab.*

*Ang hijab ay sagrado para sa mga kababaihan hindi lamang dahil ito ay kautusan ng Islam. "The hijab is like a crown that we wear in honor of our intention to preserve our dignity and the entirety of our being as women. It is a symbol of utmost respect to our choice of protecting ourselves from being branded to have limited or lesser value as human beings." Hindi rin po ito eksklusibo sa Islam. Samakatuwid, ang pagtatakip sa sarili ay kasanayan din po ng mga kababaihan ng iba't ibang paniniwala. Kaya naman nararapat lamang ang patuloy na adbokasiya upang maging "normal" sa pananaw ng nakararami ang pagsusuot ng hijab.*

*Hindi ko na po mabilang ang mga naratibo ng mga kababaihang hijabi kung saan naranasan nila ang negatibong pagtrato, lalong lalo na po sa mga lugar ng ating bansa na minority ang mga Muslim.*

*Many of us were deprived of equal opportunities and of our right to access and enjoy what the society offers. And many experienced being socially excluded because they chose to wear the hijab. This is a fundamental issue on unity, diversity, social cohesion, and peace. We have a long history of conflict and social fragmentation in our country.*

*And we have come a long way to resolve our differences. We have signed peace agreements and we have even enacted peace legislations — including the very organic law that established the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. Ngunit nanatili parin ang mga hamon sa pagkakaroon ng tunay at pangmatagalang kapayapaan sa ating bansa. At sa gitna ng mga hamong ito ay ang mga kababaihang hijabi na nagmimistulang hindi parin tanggap ng ibang bahagi ng ating lipunan.*

*Kaya po mayroong "World Hijab Day". At nais po nating magkaroon din ng paggunita nito sa ating bansa upang mas-palawigin pa ang ating pagsisikap upang isulong ang pagkakaroon ng kapayapaan, hindi lamang sa papel, kung hindi sa pang-araw araw na pamumuhay ng mga Pilipino. Ang pagkilala sa hijab at ang pagkakaroon ng "National Hijab Day" ay isang malaking hakbang upang masolusyunan ang "social exclusion" at maisabuhay ang kapayapaan at ang pagkakaisa sa kabila ng pagkakaiba-iba ng ating pananampalataya at kultura.*

*Dahil dito, ipinapanukala po natin ang Proposed Resolution No. 162 o ang "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT OF THE BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT TO SENATE BILL NO. 1272 AND HOUSE BILL NO. 5693, BOTH DECLARING THE FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL HIJAB DAY AND PROMOTING AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE MUSLIM TRADITION OF WEARING A HIJAB".*

*Ito ay pagsuporta sa Senate Bill No. 1272 na pangunahing inakda ni Senador Robin Padilla at kasalukuyang nakasalang interpelasyon ng mga kasamahan nito sa Senado. Sa mababang kapulungan ng Kongreso ay mayroon ding House Bill No. 5693 na naaprubahan na sa ikatlong pagbasa. Itong mga panukalang batas na ito ay naglalayung edeklara ang ika-isa ng Pebrero bilang Pambansang Araw ng Hijab or "National Hijab Day".*

*Bilang Miyembro ng Bangsamoro Transition Authority - Parliament na mataimtim na nagsusulong ng karapatan, kaunlaran, proteksyon, respresentasyon at oportunidad para sa mga kababaihan, ako po ay lubos na naniniwala na ang pagsasabatas ng mga ito ay makabuluhang pagpapahayag ng ating pakikiisa at samasamang suporta sa National Government na manatiling tapat sa mandato nitong tiyakin*

*ang pagkakapantay-pantay ng kababaihan at kalalakihan sa harap ng batas gayundin ang malayang pagtamasa ng relihiyosong propesyon at pagsamba, nang walang diskriminasyon.*

*Naniniwala rin tayo na ang pagkakaroon ng “National Hijab Day” ay hindi tungkol sa usapin ng rehilyon o “ibadah” at hindi natin ito ipinapantay sa mga pangunahing Muslim holidays sa bansa kagaya ng Eid’l Fitr at Eid’l Adha. Ang pagsasabatas ng “National Hijab Day” ay legislation for peace, unity, and understanding. However, the “National Hijab Day” is not just a piece of legislation but an affirmation and acceptance of the way of life of the Muslims. Layunin nito na isulong ang buong pagtanggap hindi lamang sa mga kababaihang hijabi kung hindi nang lahat ng mga Muslim at Bangsamoro communities sa ating bansa. Ang pagtatalaga ng ika-isa ng Pebrero bilang “National Hijab Day” kasabay ng pagdiriwang sa buong mundo ng “World Hijab Day” ay magbibigay daan upang magkaroon ng mga aktibidades tulad ng educational campaign and awareness programs at iba pang Gender and Development (GAD) programs ng mga government and non-government agencies and institutions sa lahat ng antas upang mas mapalalim pa ang pag-unawa sa dahilan at sa kasanayan ng pagsusuot ng hijab. Ito rin ay magiging daan upang magkaroon ng pangmalawakang kamalayan sa buong bansa at mabawasan kung hindi man mawawakasan ang diskriminasyon at stereotyping na nararanasan ng ating mga kababaihang Muslim.*

*Ang pagpasa sa PR 162 ay pagpapahayag ng buong supporta ng Bangsamoro Government sa patuloy na pagdinig ng pagpasasabatas ng “National Hijab Day” upang maipakita natin sa sambayanang Pilipino na tayo ay nakiki-isa sa National Government sa patuloy na paghahanap ng solusyon upang magkaroon ng “social inclusion” at ng tunay at pangmatagalang kapayapaan sa buong bansa, In Shaa Allah.*

*Nagpapasalamat po tayo kay Senator Robin Padilla at sa mga kasamahan nito sa Kongreso sa pangununa upang isabatas ang “National Hijab Day”. Nagpapasalamat po tayo sa ating mga kapwa authors at co-authors ng PR 162 at nananawagan po ako buong BTA Parliament na bilang kinatawan ng Bangsamoro Governemnt, ipabatid natin ang ating malakas na pakikiisa at suporta sa pamamagitan ng pagpasa ng PR 162 ngayong session ng BTA Parliament.*

*Wabillahi Tawfeeq Wal Hidayah, Wassalaamu ‘Alaykum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu.*

## PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

On motion of MP Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the period of interpellations.

## MANIFESTATION OF MP PARCASIO

MP Parcasio manifested that the proposed resolution is an evolution of what was started by heroes in the past who did all their best and exerted efforts for the recognition of the right to self-determination. He added that it is a recognition not only of the cultural

rights of the Bangsamoro people who are Muslims but also the religion that they exercise.  
He expressed his profound support for the approval of the resolution.

#### TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

On motion of MP Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations.

#### DISPENSING WITH THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

On motion of MP Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, the period of amendments was dispensed with.

#### APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 162

On motion of MP Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body approved Proposed Resolution No. 162, subject to style.

#### PROPOSED SIMPLE RESOLUTION NO. 159

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and name of the authors of Proposed Resolution No. 159 which, on motion of MP Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, was treated by the Body as simple resolution, entitled:

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SINCERE APPRECIATION OF THE  
BTA PARLIAMENT TO THE PHILIPPINE SUPREME COURT  
AND THE HONORABLE CHIEF JUSTICE ALEXANDER G.  
GISMUNDO FOR INCLUDING THE STRENGTHENING OF  
SHARI'AH JUSTICE IN THE JUDICIARY'S LONG-TERM  
STRATEGIC PLAN FOR JUDICIAL INNOVATIONS 2022-2027  
(SPJI)

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*At this juncture*, the Chair remarked that he wanted to be associated with Proposed Resolution No. 159.

#### SPONSORSHIP SPEECH

In sponsoring Proposed Resolution No. 159, MP Dumama-Alba delivered the following speech.

*Bismillahi al rahmanir raheem, assalamu alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.*

My dear colleagues in the BTA Parliament, ladies and gentlemen, fellow Members of the Parliament, it is with pride that I introduce this proposed resolution to give our sincere appreciation to the Philippine Supreme Court and the Honorable Chief Justice Gesmundo for including the strengthening of Sharia Justice in the judiciary's strategic plan for traditional innovations.

The code of Muslim personal laws has already been in force and effect 45 years ago. Since our practice of Sharia Justice, not only in the Bangsamoro region, but in the entire Philippines, this is the first time that the Supreme Court has given recognition to the unique customs and traditions of Muslims in the Philippines by including the strengthening of Sharia Justice in its strategic plan for Judicial Innovations from 2022 to 2027. Since the appointment of Associate Justice Japaar Dimaampao, who is the only sitting Muslim Justice in the Supreme Court, he has visited frequently Cotabato City and the Bangsamoro areas to promote Sharia Justice, particularly revising some of the Sharia special procedures to make sure that we also promote access to Justice, not only in the Bangsamoro region but also for the entire Philippines. That is why with the consent of the Chief Minister, I initiated the filing of this proposed resolution for consideration of this honorable Parliament. May I invite those who would like to also co-author and may I also ask for your support that this Proposed Resolution be passed immediately.

Thank you.

#### PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

On motion of MP Anardo, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the period of interpellations.

#### INTERPELLATIONS OF MP TAN

As to what kind of strengthening or what is the specific agenda for the inclusion of strengthening of Shari'ah justice in the judiciary's long-term strategic plan for judicial



innovations 2022-2027 (SPJI), MP Dumama-Alba responded that it included more agenda other than the PD 1083. She explained that it also includes the creation of a new committee in the Supreme Court, which is the Committee on Shari'ah to be headed by Senior Associate Justice Marvic Leonen. She added that there is a scheduled First National Shari'ah Summit which would be held in Cagayan de Oro City in March 2023, saying that it is also the first of its kind. She informed the Body that the Supreme Court is aggressively moving for opening the vacancies in Shari'ah Courts and that the Supreme Court is also supporting legislation which proposes more additional Shari'ah courts in Metro Manila and in other areas outside of the BARMM.

As to whether there is already appointed Supreme Court Jurisconsult as mandated in PD 1083, MP Dumama-Alba answered in the negative.

MP Tan manifested that he would like to be part of the resolution.

#### INTERPELLATIONS OF MP PARCASIO

MP Parcasio asked whether the proponent knew about the *Codigo Civil* which became the Civil Code in the Philippines, to which MP Dumama-Alba responded in the negative.

As to whether the proponent is aware that there was a donor community that had programs to develop and support the Shari'ah Justice System during the time of the defunct Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, MP Dumama-Alba responded in the affirmative, stating that there was a USAID project which supported the strengthening of Shari'ah Justice System.

MP Parcasio opined that the efforts and sacrifices of those who brought about the establishment of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Government have not been in vain. He expressed his support to the efforts being done by Chief Justice Alexander Gesmundo in strengthening Shariah Justice System not only in BARMM, but also in the entire country. He added that administrative regions outside the BARMM, which are also populated by Muslims, also need the establishment of Sharia courts in their respective jurisdictions.

## TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

On motion of MP Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of interpellations.

## MANIFESTATION OF INTENT TO CO-AUTHOR

MP Sema (OY) manifested his intent to co-author the Proposed Resolution No. 159.

## DISPENSING WITH THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

On motion of MP Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, the period of amendments was dispensed with.

## MANIFESTATION OF SUPPORT OF MP MISUARI (A)

MP Misuari (A) manifested his support to Proposed Resolution No. 159 and expressed his happiness, saying that the Bangsamoro is on the right track. He stated that it is time for all the citizens of the Republic of the Philippines to reconcile with its history, adding that the Bangsamoro is part of the history of the Republic of the Philippines.

He also manifested that they could not follow the rules of the Spanish or Americans while closing their eyes to their own religion, culture and laws of their Bangsa, the Shari'ah.

He noted that Filipinos should understand that Shari'ah is not a frightening word but rather an Arabic word which means "law". He explained that Shari'ah is one of the first written laws in history and one of the basis of the modern states in crafting their laws such as the law of France, which is based on the *Fiqh* of Imam Malik.

## APPROVAL PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 159

On motion of MP Anardo, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Proposed Resolution No. 159 was approved.

## SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

*At 3:37 p.m., the Chair motu proprio suspended the session.*

## RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

*At 3:38 p.m., the session was resumed.*

## PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF MP ISMAEL

MP Ismael delivered his speech as follows:

To our Speaker, Floor Leaders and co-members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA), good afternoon and my greetings of *salam*.

I do take our privilege hour of our highly respected Bangsamoro Chamber for a single reason, that is to manifest my concerns of equally important if not critical trends as we govern our peoples in the Bangsamoro during the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the political transition.

*Ako ay nagagalak na ang ating oras at talino ay naipakita natin sa mga araw na binubuo ang ating badyet para sa taong ito. Bagamat, ako ay nababahala na ang ating pondo sa nakaraang mga taon ay di lubos nagagamit at di nailaan upang tugon sa konkretong kalagayan at pangangailan ng mga sambayanang Bangsamoro, Settlers at Non-Moro IP, na sakop at di sakop ng rehiyon ng Bangsamoro.*

*Una ay ang ating tugon sa kasalukuyang kalagayan ng Ligawasan Marsh at pangunahing mga ilog. Marami na ang pag-aaral na nagrerekomenda sa agarang pagsasaayos at rehabilitasyon nito. Bagaman di lamang ito responsibilidad ng ating rehiyon at ito ay mangyayari sa pakikipagtulungan ng ibang rehiyon ng Mindanao, ang aking dasal na bilang Bangsamoro na tayo ay may konkretong hakbang upang maisaayos ang mga ito. Ang paglaan ng kaukulang pondo ay isang pagpapakita ng ating pagkalinga di lang sa mga apektadong mamamayan, kundi sa ating kalikasan.*

In one study of the DENR and Department of Agriculture, it shows that dredging and desiltation of rio grande mindanao and tamontaka river will result in at least 38,000 hectares agricultural arable land.

More so, we have known for so long that rehabilitating Liguasan Marsh and our major rivers, will bring back to normalcy the economic activities of our brothers and sisters who have been cyclically affected by flooding. Let us just imagine if we are able to rehabilitate the marshes and rivers, have we not seen what it can bring to our people in terms of livelihood, thus generating revenues to the government as well?

*Pangalawa ay ang ating Solar Program. Malaki ang aking pasasalamat na dahil sa programang ito naging maliwanag ang halos mga importanteng kalye sa ating rehiyon, mga national hi-ways, lalong-lalo na dito sa lungsod ng Cotabato. Ito marahil ay sa pagpondo ng Government of the Day charged to the Special Development Fund.*

With the high cost of electricity, are we not entertaining the possibility to allocate funds for solar installation to those who cannot afford to pay the cost of electricity most especially to the rural communities of our region? In other words, can we bring light to the houses through

solar energy? I do believe, if this will be included in our budget and implemented, this will be our concrete contribution in addressing climate change and to the call for the integrity of creation.

*Pangatlo ay ang paglalaan natin ng pondo na nakabasi di lang sa isang sambayanan. Isang pagkakaibang reyalidad sa rehiyon ng Bangsamoro ay di lamang tayo nagsisiguro ng isang inklusibong prosesong pangkapayapaan, pati na rin ang pagkakaroon ng prosesong paglaan ng pondo sa ating mga kababayan, lalong lalo na ang ating mga kapatid na moro galing sa 6 municipalities ng Lanao del Norte, settlers, at non-moro IPs. Sa kasalukuyang proseso, paano natin masisiguro na mayroong sapat na pondong nakalaan lalong-lalo na sa mga komunidad ng mga Bangsamoro outside of the BARMM, Settlers, at NonMoro IPs? Ako ay naniniwala na ang pamamahalang inklusiblo ay ginagabayan ng isang napakahalagang proseso at ito ay ang paglaan ng isang karampatang (equitable) pondo. Ang aking dalangin na ating seryosohing tingnan sa ating mga ahensya ang hamon sa paglaan ng pondo sa pamamagitan ng ating mga programa at proyekto. Bagaman mayroon nang itinatag na ahensya para sa mga Non Moro IP at opisina para sa mga komunidad ng Settlers, and pagpapatupad ng mga proyekto (hard projects) ay mandato ng ating mga ahensya.*

*Bilang halimbawa nito, sa buong Bangsamoro rehiyon, ang mga barangay na mayroong significant na numero ng christian settlers ay umabot sa dalawang daan-labing-isa (211 Barangays), maari ba nating bigyan ng kaukulang pansin para sa ating mga programa sa kanila?*

I do believe that the *Peace Process* that we have now is for the Bangsamoro people as a result of our assertion of our rights to self-determination. But I do believe that the success of the Bangsamoro is the success of our brothers outside the BARMM, the Settler Communities and Non Moro IP as well. When we fail them, I doubt we can claim success as a Bangsamoro.

*Pang-apat, ang sakunang Paeng na ating naranasan ay nagdulot ng pinsala sa ating mga komunidad lalong-lao na sa probinsya ng Maguindanao. Kung tayo man ay naglaan ng pondo dito, ito ba ay sang-ayon sa nabuong Plano kung mayron?*

The Early Recovery and Rehabilitation Plan is very important as we bring back normalcy if not transform our communities severely affected by the Typhoon Paeng. Our people want to see a cohesive response from the agencies responsible for the early recovery and rehabilitation of our communities.

Mr. Speaker and co-members of the BTA, these are the concerns that need serious attention as governing body during the political transition. I just hope and pray the enumerated concerns have to be seriously considered in our budget prioritization process.

Finally, to maximize my privileged hour Mr. Speaker, let me posed these questions by which they remain relevant to the concerns about our budget I just raised:

On the Seat of the BARMM Government, it has become a public knowledge, I hope it remains a rumor, that the BARMM has allegedly purchased the Eversun Complex, in Barangay Sarmiento, Parang, Maguindanao. If true, where have we got the budget in purchasing the said area? May we know where in our 2021 and 2022 Bangsamoro Expenditure Program that allocates the purchase of land for the future BARMM Government Center? In the first place, there is no decision yet as to where the BARMM's permanent seat of Government.

On Sustainable Development Fund, I am well aware that the said Fund is for MNLF and MILF communities. Do we have guidelines in accessing the said Fund? Who is in charge? Who empowers them? Do we have a Fund Management Office for this?

Mr. Speaker, as I am reading the two SDF, 2020, and 2021. I have observed the following projects, to mention a few;

On the water system projects under MPW, SDF 2020, a total of more or less 53 water system projects were allocated to different municipalities, total of Php 218,400,000. What happened to these now?

For the Butig Rehabilitation project, amounting to 50 million, under SDF 2020 of Ministry of Public Order and Safety (MPOS), what is the status of this project as of the moment?

In addition, the MOH allocated at least Php 316,565,000 million for more or less 85 barangay health stations with equipment to different municipalities under SDF 2020. What is the progress now?

For the MAFAR, under SDF 2020, allocated to Lanao del Sur, a total of 37,500,000 for livelihood assistance, do we have a progress report now?

Dredging of Polloc Freeport, amounting to Php 43,417,000 under Ministry of Trade, Investment, and Tourism (MTIT), what is the status as of the moment of this project?

A total number of more or less 115 solar projects were allocated to different municipalities from MPW SDF 2021, amounting to more or less Php239,750,000, what is the status of these projects now?

For the BHRC, the establishment of Bangsamoro witness protection program amounting to 2,200,000 ONLY and strengthening the referral system of BARMM agencies with regards to Human Rights Abuses and Violations amounting to only 860,000 pesos, when in fact, a lot of issues and problems involves our combatants, shouldn't we allocate more than this amount?

For the Bangsamoro Youth Commission (BYC), under SDF 2021, what is the update now of the Youth Reintegration Program for the 6 major camps of Moro Islamic Liberation Front, amounting to 35 million?

How many training programs have been conducted by the Cooperative and Social Enterprise Authority (CSEA) for their project which have been budgeted for 26,475,000 under the SDF 2021.

What is the status of these as of the moment of the MAFAR, SDF 2021, amounting to Php 49,882,496.29 Livelihood support to MILF communities in; Barangay Laguitan, DBS Municipality, Barangay Kuya, South Upi, Maguindanao and Barangay Tran, Lebak, Sultan Kudarat.

Also, on the Value Chain Program for the convergence sites amounting to 16,480,000 from the MAFAR SDF 2021, what is the progress of this report now?

For the Rehabilitation of Techno-demo project at Kalanganan 2, Cotabato City amounting to 43,360,940 still under the MAFAR SDF 2021. Do we have a progress report available for this project?

Under MBHTE SDF 2021, there is a project allocated with 207,254,400 for the Construction of Disaster Resilient School Building Classrooms for 11 school divisions within BARMM, what happened to these now?

Under the MILG, SDF 2021, Bangsamoro Integrated Rehabilitation and Development (BIRD) Program Phase 2 was allocated to 33 barangays in SGAs amounting to Php 435,898,666.67. While 324,765,000 was allocated to 11 barangays in Pigcawayan, Cluster, SGA from the SDF 2020 of MILG labeled as Bangsamoro Integrated Rehabilitation and Development (BIRD) Program Phase 1. Do we have a progress report of this now?

Under the Ministry of Human Settlement and Development, SDF 2021, 3 housing development projects were identified, amounting to a total of Php 182,016,435. Do we have a status report of this housing projects now?

Under the MSSD, SDF 2021, what is the progress of the construction of social development centers for Lanao del Sur, Zamboanga City, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi amounting to 157, 243,551.12?

On *Kapyanan* Program, this program has become the focus of interest amongst us due to the non-accomplishment in terms of Performance Targets. Can we have a detailed submission of the detailed report so that we can help in resolving the issues and concerns negatively affecting the program.

To be specific, what is the status of the 2.5 billion project of 6500 units construction of shelter with solar powered light and water component, solar street lights, and concrete lined canal system in the BARMM.

Mr. Speaker, Floor Leaders, and fellow public servant, once again good afternoon.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

On motion of MP Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, the session was adjourned until February 13, 2023 at one o'clock in the afternoon.

*It was 3:55 p.m.*

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

**PROF. RABY B. ANGKAL**  
Secretary-General