



SECOND REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 363

RESOLUTION EXTENDING GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION TO PRESIDENT FERDINAND ROMUALDEZ MARCOS, JR. FOR REAPPOINTING CARLITO GUANCING GALVEZ, JR. AS CHIEF OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER ON PEACE, RECONCILIATION AND UNITY (OPAPRU) AND FORMER OFFICER-IN-CHARGE ISIDRO PURISIMA TO KEY POSITION IN THE OPAPRU, FORMERLY OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER ON THE PEACE PROCESS (OPAPP) AND FURTHER COMMENDING SECRETARY GALVEZ FOR HIS CONTINUING COMMITMENT IN THE BANGSAMORO PEACE PROCESS

WHEREAS, the former Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, former Commander Galvez, Jr. is a retired four-star general, who invested most of his military service in Mindanao mainly in the provinces of Basilan and Sulu;

WHEREAS, Mr. Galvez, Jr. was also the commander of the Western Mindanao Command (WestMinCom), the troop responsible for securing Lamitan City during the “Zamboanga Seige”, and was a key player in redeeming the city of Marawi from the hands of the Maute-Abu Sayyaf Group-Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (Maute-ASG-ISIS) terror group;

WHEREAS, a passionate public servant, Mr. Galvez Jr. became an awardee of “The Outstanding Philippine Soldier (TOPS) in 2007, a veteran officer wearing two (2) “Philippine Legion of Honor Medals”, two (2) “Outstanding Achievement Medals”, three (3) “Distinguished Service Stars”, six (6) “Gold Cross Medals”, eight (8) “Bronze Cross Medals”, forty (40) “Military Merit and Commendation Medals”, and a “Wounded Personnel Medal”;

WHEREAS, during the administration of former President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, Mr. Galvez, Jr. was appointed as Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process, and was also chosen to be the COVID-19 Vaccine Czar and the Chief Implementer of the Philippines’ Declared National Policy Against COVID-19 (COVID-19 National Task Force);

WHEREAS, as the Presidential Peace adviser during the Duterte administration, he led the campaign of Republic Act No. 11054 or the Bangsamoro Organic Law, and played an important function with the Bangsamoro Transition Commission that led to the creation of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM);

WHEREAS, by his drive and commitment to public service, particularly his participation in the Peace Process between the Government of the Philippines (GPH) and groups such as the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), said parties were able to systematize their goals and aspirations for long-lasting peace and development in the BARMM in accordance with the national government objectives;

WHEREAS, Mr. Galvez is a member of the Intergovernmental Relations Body (IGRB) particularly from the national government. The body is tasked to resolve issues, coordinate and develop solutions that concern the two (2) parties, the BARMM and the national government;

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2023, President Marcos, Jr. appointed Mr. Galvez as Senior Undersecretary and Officer-In-Charge (OIC) of the Department of National Defense, which he served until June 5, 2023;

WHEREAS, former Peace OIC Purisima has demonstrated exceptional expertise and a deep understanding of conflict transformation and peace sustainability, as exemplified by his notable contributions as Presidential Assistant for Local Conflict Transformation and Peace Sustainability, as well as his prior role as Deputy Presidential Adviser for Operations in the now-defunct Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace Process (OPAPP);

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2023, Malacañang reported the appointment of former Defense OIC Carlito Galvez, Jr. as the new Chief of the OPAPRU, as well as the appointment of former Peace OIC Isidro Purisima as the agency's new senior undersecretary:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, To extend its gratitude and appreciation to President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos, Jr. for reappointing Carlito Guancing Galvez, Jr. as chief of the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU) and former officer-in-charge Isidro Purisima to key position in the OPAPRU, formerly Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP) and further commending Secretary Galvez for his continuing commitment in the Bangsamoro peace process.

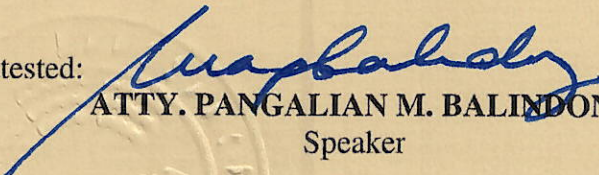
RESOLVED, FURTHER, That copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos, Jr., Presidential Peace Adviser Carlito G. Galvez, and Senior Undersecretary Isidro Purisima, for information.

ADOPTED, *Dhul Hijjah* 29, 1444/July 17, 2023.

Certified Correct:


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