



THIRD REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 127

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE
CONDOLENCES OF THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY
ON THE DEATH OF DR. FILEMON G. ROMERO, FORMER
CHANCELLOR OF MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY TAWI-TAWI,
AND HONORING HIS CONTRIBUTIONS AS AN ACADEMICIAN AND
A SCIENTIST IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENT AND MARINE
SCIENCES**

WHEREAS, Dr. Filemon G. Romero, former Chancellor of Mindanao State University Tawi-Tawi died on the morning of May 16, 2021;

WHEREAS, according to reports, Dr. Romero was aboard a commercial boat bound for Zamboanga City from Bongao, Tawi-Tawi, when he succumbed to a breathing problem, following a continuous decline in his oxygen level. Dr. Romero later on tested positive for a Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) infection;

WHEREAS, the professor who hails from the humble island of Mapun, Tawi-Tawi committed more than forty (40) years of his life into teaching. He began as a high school teacher of English, Mathematics, and Science in a Catholic mission school in Mapun. In 1971, he obtained his Master of Arts in Physics from Mindanao State University in Marawi City. Later, upon moving to Bongao, he became a member of the Mindanao State University Tawi-Tawi faculty;

WHEREAS, following the completion of his degree in physical oceanography at the University of the Philippines Diliman on a scholarship, Dr. Romero delved into marine research, a field regarded as vital for ecology and marine product cultivation in Tawi-Tawi. He would later obtain his Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Science from the same university under a government scholarship program;

WHEREAS, Dr. Romero became the first Chancellor of the Mindanao State University Tawi-Tawi from 1989 to 1994. Later, he assumed an important role in establishing the Institute of Oceanography and Environmental Science in the university;

WHEREAS, Dr. Romero is known in his community as "*Mr. Environment*," for devoting his work and research to biodiversity conservation, reef rehabilitation, and marine resource management. He was also a former project manager in Tawi-Tawi for the World Wildlife Fund - Philippines, and his research studies were acknowledged by government agencies such as Commission on Higher Education, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, and Department of Science and Technology. In Tawi-Tawi, he is a primary figure in mobilizing environmental promotion and awareness programs that rally together the locals, private and public sectors;

WHEREAS, the result of his passion for the environment is apparent in the community of Tawi-Tawi we now know. His teaching went beyond the confines of the classroom as his life's work changed the lives of the local farmers and inspired the youth to pursue the sciences;

WHEREAS, Dr. Romero exhibited leadership in his community and the expertise in the field he is most passionate about. His display of excellence is worthy of emulation, especially for the youth in the Bangsamoro.

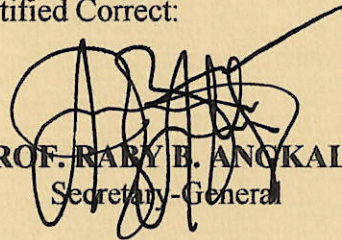
NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to express its profound sympathy and sincere condolences on the death of Dr. Filemon G. Romero, former chancellor of Mindanao State University Tawi Tawi, and honor his contributions as an academician and a scientist in the field of environment and marine sciences.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to forward this Resolution to the bereaved family members of Dr. Filemon G. Romero and be circulated among media outlets in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao for information.


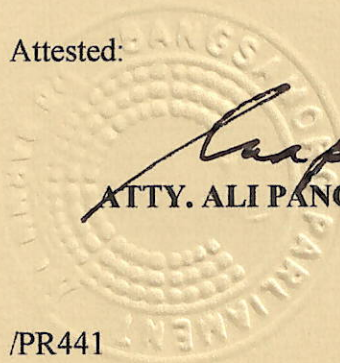
ADOPTED, June 22, 2021.

Certified Correct:



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Speaker

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