



THIRD REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 182

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE
CONDOLENCES OF THE BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT ON THE DEATH
OF DR. AHMAD “JUN” ENGRACIA ALONTO JR., FORMER PRESIDENT
OF THE MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY**

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Parliament has on numerous occasions recognized and honored distinguished members of the Bangsamoro community for their contributions to the development of the region, including individuals who served as catalysts for the realization of a just and lasting peace in Mindanao;

WHEREAS, Dr. Ahmad “Jun” Engracia Alonto, Jr. was the son of the late Senator Ahmad Domocao Alangadi Alonto, Sr., to which the latter was a member of the 1986 Constitutional Convention, the founding father of the Mindanao State University, and a pioneering advocate for the recognition of Muslim rights in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Dr. Alonto was an agriculturist who earned his bachelor’s degree from the Mindanao Institute of Technology (presently known as the University of Southern Mindanao), in Kabacan, Cotabato, and his postgraduate degree at the University of the Philippines in Los Baños, Laguna;

WHEREAS, Dr. Alonto was an advocate of the recognition of Muslim rights during the Martial Law period, and is best known for initiating a peaceful assembly of students at the Quirino Grandstand on November 30, 1979;

WHEREAS, as a response to their assembly, the administration of President Ferdinand Marcos Sr. ordered the arrest of Dr. Alonto and his companions, and placed them under military custody for seven months at the Bicutan Jail;

WHEREAS, his detention did not deter him from his advocacies, but instead invigorated him to pursue his fight against the dictatorship even after he was released from prison;

WHEREAS, Dr. Alonto was actively involved in the peaceful protests that culminated in the 1986 People Power Revolution, and eventually ending the two decades of dictatorship under the administration of President Ferdinand Marcos;

WHEREAS, in 1987, during the reinstatement of democracy and the promulgation of a new Constitution under President Corazon Aquino, Dr. Alonto was appointed as the third President of the Mindanao State University (MSU) System;

WHEREAS, during his term as President of MSU from 1987 to 1992, Dr. Alonto pursued policies that would promote peace, harmony, and understanding between and among the different communities of Mindanao;

WHEREAS, in 2001, after President Joseph Estrada’s “all-out-war” against the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), Dr. Alonto served as a member of the MILF Negotiating Panel, which was then headed by Chief Minister Ahod B. Ebrahim;

WHEREAS, after his retirement, Dr. Alonto continued with his advocacies, including championing the cause of the oppressed, promoting peace in Mindanao, and pursuing *Da’wah* work to the marginalized communities of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Dr. Alonto spent most of his time helping those in need, and as an educator with an extensive network, he facilitated programs aimed at developing the next generation of Bangsamoro leaders;

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2021, surrounded by his family in Cagayan de Oro City, Dr. Alonto peacefully returned to his Creator;

WHEREAS, recognizing his dedication and commitment to serve our communities, the Bangsamoro Parliament will always be grateful for his contributions;

WHEREAS, for his years of service to the Muslim communities, Dr. Alonto will be remembered for his incorruptible character, integrity, and devotion to Islam:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

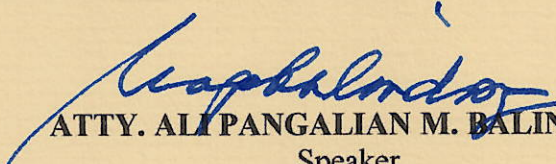
RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament, to express the profound sympathy and sincere condolences of the Bangsamoro Parliament on the death of Dr. Ahmad "Jun" Engracia Alonto Jr., former president of the Mindanao State University.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to his bereaved family.


ADOPTED, Rabi ul Awwal 14, 1443/October 21, 2021.



Attested:


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Speaker

Certified Correct:


PROF. RABY B. ANGKAL
Secretary-General

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