



THIRD REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 186

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE
CONDOLENCES OF THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY
PARLIAMENT ON THE DEMISE OF THE HONORABLE DIDAGEN "DIGS"
P. DILANGALEN, FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE 1ST DISTRICT OF
MAGUINDANAO WITH COTABATO CITY, HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYER,
AND PUBLIC SERVANT**

WHEREAS, former representative of Maguindanao with Cotabato City, Didagen "Digs" Dilangalen died of illness on the morning of Saturday, November 6, 2021;

WHEREAS, Congressman Dilangalen represented Maguindanao's first congressional district with Cotabato City for nine (9) years from 1995 to 2004;

WHEREAS, Congressman Dilangalen was also the first and only representative of the defunct Shariff Kabungsuan Province in the 14th Congress from 2007 up to 2010;

WHEREAS, Atty. Didagen Piang Dilangalen known and called as "Digs" by his family, relatives and friends, was born on January 08, 1954 in Kabuntalan Municipality, Maguindanao;

WHEREAS, Congressman Dilangalen was the son of the noble Haji Datu Alamanza a.k.a. "Datu Mongang" Dilangalen (son of Osi Dilangalen and grandson of Datu Djambangan Bin Sultan Mohammad Bayaw of Raja Buayan Sultanate) and Haja Bai Pangandongan Piang (Daughter of Datu Piang a.k.a. "Amai Mingka");

WHEREAS, Congressman Dilangalen was a human rights defender, and a staunch supporter of the Bangsamoro struggle for self-determination;

WHEREAS, the five (5)-hectare parcel of land where the largest mosque in the Philippines, the Sultan Hassanah Bolkiah Mosque that can accommodate around 15,000 people was built, is a donation by the family of former Congressman Dilangalen;

WHEREAS, Congressman Dilangalen was a brilliant lawyer, and a fearless member of the House of Representatives who showed unwavering passion for public service as he pursued significant legislation for his constituency;

WHEREAS, the death of Former Congressman Dilangalen, a man who had exhibited a deep concern for Maguindanaons during his lifetime, is a great loss to the family he left behind and to the people of Maguindanao, whom he served faithfully for years;

WHEREAS, Ex-Congressman Atty. Didagen P. Dilangalen was awarded as one of the "10 Most Outstanding Congressman of the Philippines", it means to say that every single centavo of his Special Allotment Release Order (SARO)/ Allocation was used legally and documented;

WHEREAS, Atty. Digs was the 1st and only congressman who distributed projects to all of the barangay belonging to his district during his 1st term;

WHEREAS, to name a few, the following are Atty. Digs' contributions:

- The Congressman who has numbers of projects made;
- With over 3,000 Successful Scholars from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao;

- Numerous Medical Assistance from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao;
- School-Buildings Project;
- The Grand Mosque *Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mosque*, the biggest mosque in the Philippines located at Barangay Kalanganan II, Cotabato City;
- The Cancer Institute Hospital (the PINK building) inside Cotabato Regional Medical Center (CRMC);
- The Long and Winding Road of North Upi Road connecting South Upi Road up to Lebak, Sultan Kudarat;
- Completed and Distributed 37 Multicabs for 37 Barangays in Cotabato City;
- Water System in Barangay Timako; and
- Road from Barangay Timako to Grand Mosque

WHEREAS, in January 20, 2000, the Asusasyon ng Kumentarista at Anaunser ng Pilipinas bestowed a *Millennium Award* to Atty. Didagen P. Dilangalen as *Outstanding Congressman* in Region - Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to express the profound sympathy and sincere condolences of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament on the demise of the honorable Didagen "Digs" P. Dilangalen, former Representative of the 1st district of Maguindanao with Cotabato City, human rights lawyer, and public servant.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be presented to the bereaved family of former Congressman Didagen "Digs" Dilangalen.

ADOPTED, Rabi Al-akhir 11, 1443/November 16, 2021.

Certified Correct:

PROF. RABY B. ANGKAL
Secretary-General

Attested:

ATTY. ALI PANGALIAN M. BALINDONG
Speaker

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