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RESOLUTION
HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE LATE
MINDANAO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SECRETARY DATU ABUL KHAYR
ALONTO TO THE PEACE-KEEPING EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT ON THE
LONG-STANDING CONFLICT IN MINDANAO AND IN THE CULTIVATION OF
PROGRESS, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND UPLIFTMENT OF THE STANDARD OF
LIVING OF MINDANAOANS

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate recognizes outstanding Filipinos for their valuable service to the Filipino people and laudable contributions to the nation, particularly on matters relating to the efforts towards the resolution of national strife, fostering peace and uplifting the economic conditions of vulnerable Filipinos;

WHEREAS, Datu Abul Khayr Alonto was an outstanding Muslim leader, who through his leadership worked hard for the development of Mindanao by addressing its long-standing problems on national security, absence of adequate opportunities and slow economic development;

WHEREAS, Datu Abul Khayr Alonto was born to a family of public servants, being the second son of the First Lanao del Sur Governor, Ambassador Abdul Ghaffur Madki Alangadi Alonto and Bai Hajja Rasmia Indol Dangcal, in Marawi City, on October 30, 1945;

WHEREAS, he started his long leadership career when immediately after the "Jabidah Massacre" on March 18, 1988, he organized the LAM ALIF, a Muslim Youth Group, which members became the core leaders of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF);

WHEREAS, in an unprecedented margin, Datu Abul Khayr Alonto was elected as Vice Mayor of Marawi City in 1972 and was subsequently awarded as the youngest city executive of the country during the same year;

WHEREAS, in 1974, as Acting Mayor of Marawi and before being sworn in as the city's chief executive, he joined the MNLF and joined his comrades in fighting the abuses committed during the Martial Law regime;

WHEREAS, in 1979, more than two years after the 1976 RP-MNLF Tripoli Agreement was signed, he actively worked and participated in the efforts for the institutionalization of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao;

WHEREAS, Datu Abul Khayr Alonto was also elected as Assemblyman and sat as the Interim Head of the Regional Autonomous Government and subsequently elected

Speaker of the Regional Legislative Assembly, in absentia after he retired as the Interim Head of the Regional Autonomous Government;

WHEREAS, Datu Abul Khayr Alonto organized and established the Muslim Federal Party in 1982, which became the rallying flag of the Muslim participation in the Protest Movement, and Nacionalista Party Vice President for Mindanao;

WHEREAS, Datu Abul Khayr Alonto was the Deputy Secretary of the National Unification Council during the 1986 Snap Presidential Election and underwent serious studies on Federalism in Malaysia, United States of America, Germany and Switzerland. He was later appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Chief of Mission to Nigeria and 21 African States in 1994;

WHEREAS, Datu Abul Khayr Alonto participated in business ventures that helped his community and became the Chairman of the Janoub Philippines Development Corporation, one of the pioneers in bringing foreign investments to the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) particularly in the development of the region's palm oil industry;

WHEREAS, on February 2014, the original members of the MNLF Central Committee installed Datu Abul Khayr Alonto as Chairman of the MNLF. He was a staunch supporter of the Bangsamoro Basic Law, a bill deliberated in the 16th Congress of the Philippines and became a law in the 17th Congress of the Philippines as RA 11054;

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2016, Datu Abul Khayr Alonto became the Secretary of the Mindanao Development Authority (MINDA), a government agency dedicated to economic development in Mindanao. As the leader of MINDA, he rallied behind the establishment of the Trans Mindanao Railway System, which he believes will greatly support the economic development in Mindanao;

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2019 at around 10:00 pm, Mindanao lost one of its greatest leaders and patriots when Secretary Datu Abul Khayr Alonto joined our Lord. He was 73 at the time of his passing, with great skill, capacity and leadership experience, he left the peoples of Mindanao with a legacy of excellent leadership for the younger leaders of his community to emulate;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Senate to honor the late Mindanao Development Authority Secretary **DATU ABUL KHAYR ALONTO** for his great achievements and contributions to nation-building as a highly principled Muslim leader that actively contributed to the peace-keeping efforts of the government in Mindanao and in the economic upliftment of the peoples of Mindanao through various projects and programs in his personal capacity and in his official capacity as the Secretary of Mindanao Development Authority.

Adopted,


RICHARD J. GORDON