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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1319

Introduced by
HON. MUJIV S. HATAMAN,
HON. MUNIR M. ARBISON AND HON. AMIHILDA J. SANGCOPAN

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2020, Honorable Yusop “Chief” H. Jikiri passed away at the age of 66;

WHEREAS, Honorable Jikiri joined the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), and served as the Chief of Staff of then MNLF Chairman Nur Misuari, and was instrumental in the development of the Final Peace Agreement between the government and the MNLF in 1996;

WHEREAS, Honorable Jikiri devoted his life in serving Bangsamoro people in its quest for peace, development, and self-determination, and served through various capacities: as the Deputy Commander of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Southern Command in charge of the MNLF Integration Program; Provincial Governor of the Province of Sulu from 2001 to 2004; Chairperson of the Southern Philippine Development Authority in 2006; and Representative of the First Legislative District of Sulu during the Fourteenth Congress; and Deputy Regional Governor for Muslim Affairs in the now-defunct Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM);

WHEREAS, during his term as Member of the House of Representatives, former Representative Jikiri served as chairperson of the Special Committee on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity, and vice-chairperson of the Committees on Human Rights and Muslim Affairs, and co-authored various measures of national importance, which include: Republic Act (RA) No. 9502, otherwise known as the “Universally Accessible Cheaper and Quality Medicines Act of 2008;” RA 9513,
otherwise known as the “Renewable Energy Act of 2008;” RA 9700, entitled “An Act Strengthening the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP), Extending the Acquisition and Distribution of All Agricultural Lands, Instituting Necessary Reforms, Amending for the Purpose Certain Provisions of Republic Act No. 6657, Otherwise Known as the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988, as Amended, and Appropriating Funds Therefor;” RA 9775, otherwise known as the “Anti-Child Pornography Act of 2009;” RA 9849, entitled “An Act Declaring the Tenth Day of Zhul Hijja, the Twelfth Month of the Islamic Calendar, a National Holiday for the Observance of Eidul Adha, Further Amending for the Purpose Section 26, Chapter 7, Book I of Executive Order No. 292, Otherwise Known as the Administrative Code of 1987, as Amended;” and RA 10000, otherwise known as the “Agri-Agra Reform Credit Act of 2009;”

WHEREAS, after serving the House of Representatives, Honorable Jikiri pursued his advocacies in the peace process between the government and the MNLF, and was instrumental in the conclusion of the tripartite review process signed in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in 2016 that guaranteed the implementation of all the remaining commitments made under the 1996 Final Peace Agreement;

WHEREAS, Honorable Jikiri also served as the chairperson of the MNLF Central Committee in 2017 and under his leadership, worked together with the AFP to launch an anti-kidnapping and terrorism task force to end the menace of terror groups in the island-province of Sulu;

WHEREAS, as a staunch partner of the Bangsamoro peace process, he supported the ratification of RA 11054, otherwise known as the “Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao,” and represented the MNLF in the Bangsamoro Transition Commission that drafted the law, and in the Bangsamoro Transition Authority that governs the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao’s transition period until June 30, 2022;

WHEREAS, despite the seemingly insurmountable challenges, decades of conflict, intrigues and division, the MNLF under his stewardship, remained steadfast and true to its commitment to bring just and lasting peace in Mindanao;

WHEREAS, Honorable Jikiri will be remembered as a kind man who was generous to a fault, humble because of his poor beginnings, always soft-spoken and gentle in his ways, benevolent leader and freedom fighter, beacon of peace and a great mujahid who advocated trust and respect as key in achieving peace and development in the Bangsamoro;

WHEREAS, his contribution in harnessing the full economic potential and genuine peace in the Bangsamoro homeland, and the realization of a better and brighter future for the Bangsamoro people and our nation, is worthy of emulation: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To express its profound condolences to the family of Honorable Yusop H. Jakiri, former Representative of the First Legislative District of Sulu during the Fourteenth
Congress, Former Deputy Regional Governor of the ARMM, and former Governor of the Province of Sulu.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That a copy of this Resolution be given to the bereaved family.

Adopted,

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Representative, Lone District of Basilan

HON. MUNIR M. ARBISON
Representative, 2nd District of Sulu

HON. AMIHILDA J. SANGCOPAN
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