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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 548



Introduced by **HON. LUIS RAYMUND "LRAY" F. VILLAFUERTE, JR.**

RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES
OF THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF THE
HONORABLE JUM AKBAR, ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LONE
DISTRICT OF BASILAN AND FORMER GOVERNOR OF THE PROVINCE OF
BASILAN (2007-2016)

WHEREAS, the Honorable Representative Jum J. Akbar is a distinguished member of the House of Representatives and former Governor of the province of Basilan;

WHEREAS, she passed away on November 11, 2016;

WHEREAS, she was a highly competent leader that served the province of Basilan since 2007;

WHEREAS, she was at the forefront in bridging peace between former combatants of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) and the government through projects such as livelihood assistance for beneficiaries from MNLF communities;

WHEREAS, she advocated a thrust in uplifting the lone district of Basilan from poverty and increase in economic activity within the province by pushing for the national government's support in infrastructure projects such as the construction of road networks, expansion of ports and building of the Basilan provincial government center;

WHEREAS, she was a member for the majority of ten committees in the 17th Congress as follows: Agrarian Reform, Basic Education and Culture, Civil Service and Professional Regulation, East Asean Growth Area, Higher and

Technical Education, Mindanao Affairs, Muslim Affairs, Peace, Reconciliation and Unity, Public Works and Highways and Transportation;

WHEREAS, she served three terms as Governor of Basilan from 2007 to 2016;

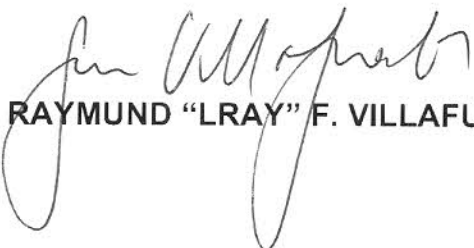
WHEREAS, she deftly handled the evacuation and retrieval operations at Al Barka after the July 2007 massacre of Philippine Army troops;

WHEREAS, she was the widow of former Representative Wahab Akbar, who served as member of the House of Representatives in 2007 and Governor of the province of Basilan from 1998 to 2007;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the House of Representatives honor and remember Representative Akbar with respect and affection, and express their sincere and heartfelt condolences on her death, which is a profound loss to the people of the lone district of Basilan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Representative Akbar as an expression of the respect, affection, and high esteem in which she was held.

Adopted,


LUIS RAYMUND "LRAY" F. VILLAFUERTE, JR.