RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEMISE OF YABING MASALON DULO (FU YABING), NATIONAL LIVING TREASURE FOR IKAT WEAVING (BLAAN MABAL TABIH)

WHEREAS, Yabing Masalon Dulo, National Living Treasure For Ikat Weaving, passed away on 26 January 2021 at the age of 106;

WHEREAS, Fu Yabing, recognized as the one of the living masters of the art of Ikat weaving was awarded Gawad sa Manlilikha ng Bayan or the National Living Treasures Award for 2016 through Proclamation 126 issued by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on January 6, 2017;

WHEREAS, Fu Yabing, was born on August 8, 1914 in Landan, Polomolok, South Cotabato and resided at the foot of Mt. Matutum all her life. She began weaving at the age of 14, and one of the two of what are considered her masterpieces is in display in the National Museum;

WHEREAS, Fu Yabing was not only a respected community leader but was also a teacher of the art of Ikat weaving in the Lamiflew School of Living Tradition in Datai Tampil, Malungon, Sarangani where she taught the younger Blaans how to design, use natural dye, and weave using the traditional way;

WHEREAS, her contribution to the preservation of Ikat weaving is immeasurable, as she imparted her knowledge and skills to the younger generation and participated in ASEAN Textile Symposium at the National Museum of the Philippines in 2009;

WHEREAS, she is survived by her only living sister, Guriay Masalon Julie, and her children Jonah Masalon Dulo, Lamina Masalon Dulo, Emilio Masalon Dulo, and Martin Masalon Dulo, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren;

WHEREAS, Fu Yabing’s unrivaled gift in Ikat weaving has led to the preservation of the art of producing Blaan Mabal Tabih which inspired countless others to continue Ikat weaving, and her life and work will indisputably remain to encourage the succeeding generation of weavers to hone their skills and preserve our country's culture and weaving tradition;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES to express its profound condolences on the demise of Yabing Masalon Dulo, National Living Treasure for Ikat Weaving.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished the bereaved family of the deceased.

Adopted,

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