
A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PASSING OF FU YABING MASALON DULO, KNOWN AS “FILIPINO TEXTILE MASTER WEAVER AND DYER”, A TEACHER AND CULTURAL BEARER OF BLAAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

WHEREAS, Fu Yabing Masalon Dulo, known as “Filipino Textile Master Weaver and Dyer”, a teacher and cultural bearer of Blaan Indigenous People of Polomolok, South Cotabato, passed away on January 26, 2021, at the age of 106;

WHEREAS, Fu Yabing was born in a Blaan Village in Amgu-o Landan, Polomolok, South Cotabato where she learned the craft of Blaan Traditional mabal tabih art of dyeing and weaving at the age of 14, creating two tabih, a handwoven dyed abaca, masterpieces. One of these pieces is displayed at the National Museum;

WHEREAS, Fu Yabing served as the Cultural Master for the Blaan Weaving School of Living Tradition Project in 2005 at Sitio Lamlifew, Datal Tampil, Malungon, Sarangani Province. She also became a partner for cultural preservation in Sarangani under former governor Migs Dominguez’ Indigenous Peoples Development Program (IPDP);
WHEREAS, Fu Yabing was conferred the Gawad sa Manlilikha ng Bayan (GAMABA) or National Living Treasure Award by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) in 2016 for her commitment to the safeguarding and promotion of the Blaan mabal tabih tradition. The Gawad sa Manlilikha ng Bayan or the National Living Treasures Award was institutionalized through Republic Act No. 7355 in 1992;

WHEREAS, Fu Yabing works have been exhibited at the Wow Mindanao Tourism Expo in Davao in 2004, and the 2nd ASEAN Traditional Textiles Symposium at the Cultural Center of the Philippines in 2009;

WHEREAS, Fu Yabing taught the craft of ikat weaving to her only daughter Lamina Dulo Gulili and women in her community to preserve the Blaan weaving tradition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives expresses its profound sympathy, and sincere condolences to the family of Fu Yabing Masalon Dulo, whose traditional artworks mirror rich cultural heritage that is uniquely Filipino;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the bereaved family of the late Fu Yabing Masalon Dulo.

Adopted,

HON. CHRISTOPHER V.P. DE VENECIA

HON. MARLYN "LEN" B. ALONTE

HON. RUFUS B. RODRIGUEZ

HON. KRISTINE SINGSON-MEEHAN

HON. PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO

HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA