CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE ITS REPRESENTATIVES TO THE PHILIPPINE CONGRESS-BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT FORUM TO BE CREATED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11054, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “ORGANIC LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO” AND TO MEET WITH THE DELEGATES DESIGNATED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE PURPOSE


WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 3 of Republic Act No. 11054 mandates that a Philippine Congress-Bangsamoro Parliament Forum shall be created for purposes of cooperation and coordination of legislative initiatives;
WHEREAS, Article XVI, Section 3 of the same law provides that the legislative authority shall be exercised by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA);

WHEREAS, the 80 members of the BTA were already appointed by the President to serve as the interim government of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao during the transition period which shall last until 2022 elections when the first Parliament shall be elected and a Chief Minister shall be selected;

WHEREAS, there is a need for Congress, where the power of the purse is generally vested, to guide and assist the interim government for a smooth transition period by ensuring that the funding requirements as provided in Republic Act No. 11054 are appropriated and released by the national government;

WHEREAS, it is also important for Congress to work hand in hand with its counterpart in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao to be apprised on the progress of the transition and to determine the challenges as well as the opportunities in the implementation of Republic Act No. 11054 while in transition;

WHEREAS, it is believed that the proper venue to inquire into or address all concerns regarding the issues affecting the implementation of Republic Act No. 11054 in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao should be through the Philippine Congress-Bangsamoro Parliament Forum;

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate legislative measures and initiatives concerning the Bangsamoro Government and its people, it is imperative that the Philippine Congress-Bangsamoro Parliament be constituted at the soonest possible time so that cooperation and coordination between the two legislative bodies may be exercised to ensure the effective implementation of Republic Act No. 11054 through the enactment by Congress of necessary laws: Now, therefore, be it
Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, To urge the Bangsamoro Transition Authority to designate its representatives to the Philippine Congress-Bangsamoro Parliament Forum to be created, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3 of Republic Act No. 11054, otherwise known as the “Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao” and to meet with the delegates designated by the Senate and the House of Representatives for the purpose.

Resolved, further, That Congress shall be represented by the Senate President, Senate President Pro Tempore, Senate Majority Leader, Senate Minority Leader, and other members as the Senate President may designate, on the part of the Senate, and by the Speaker of the House, a Deputy Speaker to be designated by the Speaker, House Majority Leader and House Minority Leader, and other members as the Speaker of the House may designate, on the part of the House of Representatives.

Adopted,