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TO The University Community

SUBJECT Dr Resil B Mojares (4 September 1943 – 5 September 2026)



Together with the Filipino nation, the Ateneo de Manila University mourns the passing of National Artist for Literature Resil B Mojares.

Born in Zamboanga del Norte, Mojares dedicated his life to studying and understanding Philippine culture and history. At the University of San Carlos, where he was a professor emeritus, Mojares played a pivotal role as the founding director of the Cebuano Studies Center. Through his extensive research and scholarly publications, he sought not only to promote awareness but also to foster appreciation of the Philippines' rich cultural heritage. By illuminating archival materials, many of which had previously been overlooked or unknown, Mojares significantly contributed to the collective consciousness and identity of the Filipino people.

Before he was declared a National Artist in 2018, Mojares was conferred the Gawad Tanglaw ng Lahi by the University in 2013 for "*making history popular, not by sacrificing complexity, depth, and significance, but by writing with imagination and creativity… and for contributing to our national archive without which a group or nation cannot know its distinctness and coherence*."

We request the Ateneo community to keep Dr Resil and his family in your prayers.

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Eternal rest grant unto Resil, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.

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