

Former Sen Rasul is 2019 Tandang Sora awardee

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KNOWN for her outstanding contributions in national legislation and for upholding women's rights, former Senator Santanina Tillah Rasul was the 2019 recipient of the prestigious Tandang Sora Award, given on the commemoration of the 207th birth anniversary of Melchora Aquino on Jan. 6.



The former senator's daughter, Amina Rasul, accepted the award in her behalf. The younger Rasul said her mother exhibited bravery for being the only Muslim woman oppositionist in Sulu during President Ferdinand Marcos' martial rule.

"She dedicated her work towards peace in Mindanao, particularly in the Muslim community," Amina said of her mother during her acceptance speech. "We hope that the virtues of Tandang Sora will be the virtues of all women."

Quezon City's Tandang Sora Award is given to women who exemplify the late heroine's virtues: Amina Rasul accepts the Tandang Sora award on behalf of her mother, former Senator Santanina Tillah Rasul.

bravery, word of honor, kindness, protectiveness, industry, and service to fellowmen. Former recipients of the award include former Ombudsman Conchita Carpio Morales, civil rights

defender Nini Quezon-Avancena and top-notch broadcaster Tina Munzon-Palma.