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RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE OUTSTANDING PHILIPPINE SOLDIERS (TOPS) OF 2013 AWARDED BY THE METROBANK FOUNDATION, INC. AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF MAKATI METRO

WHEREAS, the search for The Outstanding Philippine Soldiers (TOPS) is an annual search jointly undertaken by the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. (MBFI) and the Rotary Club of Makati Metro (RCMM), a partnership that started in 1999, in consonance with their conviction to honor excellence in the pursuit of a vocation;

WHEREAS, the competition is an expression of gratitude to the heroism, gallantry, dedication, commitment and great sacrifices of the gallant men and women of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) in 2003, hence, the Search for TOPS became a career achievement award that recognizes the contribution of a soldier's best seven (7) years of his/her service in the military;

WHEREAS, the search awards a maximum of 10 winners who shall be chosen from among officers with the rank of Captain up to Colonel of the Technical and Administrative Service of the AFP:

WHEREAS, the competition raises the model of excellence within the military which the other soldiers should emulate, and represents the ideals being upheld by the larger sector of the national community represented by both the Metrobank Foundation, Inc., and the Rotary Club of Makati Metro, and likewise highlights the contribution of the AFP in peace, security and nation building and development;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate should join the Metrobank Foundation, Inc., and the Rotary Club of Makati Metro in honoring and commending the gallant men and women who have risked life and limb in the defense of our country's sovereignty through this year's 2013 Search for The Outstanding Philippine Soldiers;

WHEREAS, the Roll of Honor for this year's winners of TOPS consists of three men from the Philippine Army, three men from the Philippine Navy, and one from the Chaplain Service of the AFP: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved, That the Philippine Senate honor and commend The Outstanding Philippine Soldiers chosen by the Metrobank Foundation, Inc., and the Rotary Club of Makati Metro for their loyalty and dedication to the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, for their faithful performance of their sworn duties and responsibilities beyond reproach, and for being model citizens in their respective communities, namely:

For the Philippine Army Commissioned Officer Category

 COLONEL ROMEO S. BRAWNER JR. Chief, Plans, Policies and Programs Division Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff Operations, J3 Camp Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City

Enlisted Person Category

 CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT ROGELIO J. MENDOZA Command Sergeant Major Training and Doctrine Command, Philippine Army Camp O'Donnell, Sta. Lucia, Capas, Tarlac 3) TECHNICAL SERGEANT FERDINAND S. BALADJAY Company First Sergeant 2nd Light Reaction Company, Light Reaction Batallion Special Operations Command. Philippine Army Palayan City, Nueva Ecija

For the Philippine Navy Commissioned Officer Category

CAPTAIN VICENTE L CEJOCO
 Deputy Commander
 Communications Electronics and Information Systems
 Service AFP
 Camp Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City

2) TECHNICAL SERGEANT DANTE P. BERGANIO (MARINES)

Noncommissioned Officer, S7

Marine Batallion Landing Team 2, Philippine Marine Corps

Mt. Bayog, Barangay Samak, Talipao, Sulu

3) HOSPITALMAN 3RD CLASS SERGS E ESTROPIGAN Recompression Chamber Petty Officer-in-Charge Naval Salvage Unit, Naval Special Operation Group Philippine Fleet, Naval Base Alano, Sangley Point Cavite

For the Philippine Air Force Commissioned Officer Category

 LIEUTENANT COLONEL MOISES L. MICOR Director, Directorate for Aircraft Maintenance and Management
 Office of the Assistant Chief of Air Staff for Logistics A4 Headquarters Philippine Air Force, Col. Jesus Villamor Air Base, Pasay City

Enlisted Personnel Category

2) MASTER SERGEANT ALBERTO A. PESEBRE
Noncommissioned Officer-in-Charge, Defense and Armed
Forces Attache
Management and Research Division, Military Intelligence
Group 19
Intelligence Service, Armed Forces of the Philippines

TECHNICAL SERGEANT NOLITO G. TUMESA
 First Sergeant
 411th Maintenance Production Group, 410th Maintenance
 Wing
 Clark Air Base, Pampanga

For the Technical and Administrative Service - Chaplain Service

MAJOR DANECK E. DANG-AWAN
 Evangelical Chaplain
 Naval Inter-Faith Worship Center
 Naval Station Jose Francisco, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City

Adopted,

FRANKLIN M. DRILON President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 2, 2013.

OSCAR G. YABES Secretary of the Senate