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RESOLUTION NO. 120

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND  
COMMENDING THE 2018 GAWAD SA  
PINAKATANGING KOOPERATIBA (GAWAD  
PITAK) OUTSTANDING AGRICULTURE-BASED  
COOPERATIVES HONORED BY THE LAND  
BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES ON 8 AUGUST  
2018, AT THE PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL  
CONVENTION CENTER IN PASAY CITY,  
PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, launched in 1990, the *Gawad sa Pinakatanging Kooperatiba* or *Gawad PITAK*, an annual search undertaken by the Land Bank of the Philippines (LANDBANK) that recognizes cooperatives which exemplified the tenets of cooperativism, is the country's longest-running and most

prestigious award-giving body for cooperatives and is awarded to LANDBANK -assisted agriculture- and non-agriculture-based cooperatives that effect change in the lives of the Filipino;

WHEREAS, nominated cooperatives for *Gawad PITAK* Outstanding Agriculture-Based Cooperatives underwent a series of screening and evaluation and were trimmed down initially *via* table and field validation conducted by the Technical Working Group (TWG) composed of LANDBANK personnel and representatives from the Senate of the Philippines, House of Representatives, Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Department of Agriculture (DA), and the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA);

WHEREAS, after the initial screening, the Program Management Committee (PMC) deliberated on the assessment made by the TWG and endorsed the short-listed cooperatives to the Board of Judges (BOJ) for final judging by this year's panel headed by the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Cooperatives as chairperson, with Representative Rico B. Geron, the Chairman of the House Committee on Cooperatives Development as co-chairperson, Mr. Alex V. Buenaventura, President and CEO of the Land Bank of the Philippines as vice chairperson, and DA Secretary Manuel F. Piñol, DAR Secretary John R. Castriciones, and CDA Chairman Orlando R. Ravanera, as members;

WHEREAS, the Board of Judges selected five (5) winners for the agriculture-based category that will join the ranks of 211 other outstanding cooperatives awarded in the *Gawad PITAK's* 28-year history;

WHEREAS, for the most outstanding agriculture-based cooperatives, the Land Bank of the Philippines awards the *Gawad PITAK* to the following:

Pinakatanging Kooperatiba - Bantug Agricultural Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Talavera, Nueva Ecija

1<sup>st</sup> runner-up - Libacao Development Cooperative of Libacao, Aklan

2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up - Kooperatiba Naton Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Tigbauan, Iloilo

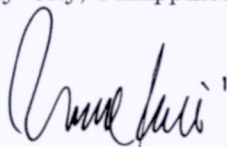
3<sup>rd</sup> runner-up - Batangas Sugar Planters Cooperative Marketing Association of Balayan, Batangas

4<sup>th</sup> runner-up - Goodyear Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Kabasalan, Zamboanga Sibugay

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines proudly joins the Land Bank of the Philippines in acknowledging the vital role of cooperatives in the nation's social and economic progress by stimulating change and effecting development at the grassroots level through the 2018 *Gawad sa Pinakatanging Kooperatiba* or *Gawad PITAK*: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, as it is hereby resolved,* That the Senate of the Philippines congratulate and commend the 2018 *Gawad sa Pinakatanging Kooperatiba (Gawad PITAK)* Outstanding Agriculture-Based Cooperatives honored by the Land Bank of the Philippines on 8 August 2018 at the Philippine International Convention Center in Pasay City, Philippines.

Adopted,



VICENTE C. SOTTO III

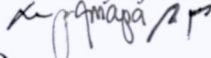
*President of the Senate*

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 14, 2018.



MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA

*Secretary of the Senate*



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