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RESOLUTION No. 95

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND
COMMENDING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE
OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN (TOYM) 2020
AWARDS FOR THEIR SIGNIFICANT
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WELFARE OF THE
COUNTRY

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines over the years recognized and paid tribute to remarkable men and women of competence and deeds who symbolize the character of a true Filipino;

WHEREAS, The Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) Awards seek to recognize the outstanding achievement of young Filipino

men and women between the ages of 18 to 40 years old, which have resulted in positive changes in the nation and to the advancement of their respective fields;

WHEREAS, the TOYM Awards strives to inspire others, especially young active citizens, by recognizing the contribution of young men and women who demonstrated vigor and enterprise in addressing societal problems through sustainable solutions;

WHEREAS, the TOYM Awards is an annual search spearheaded by the Junior Chamber International (JCI) Philippines together with the TOYM Foundation, Inc. and the Gerry Roxas Foundation, Inc., and for 2020, is co-sponsored by PLDT, Inc., Smart Communications and Advantage Management Consulting Philippines, Inc.;

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1959, TOYM has developed a reputation for its selectiveness of outstanding young active citizens – totalling 510 by now – upon whom the award is conferred. Nominees of TOYM go through a very rigorous two-step selection process where each nominee must pass through a screening committee and then the board of judges;

WHEREAS, with the theme “*Pilipino: Tagumpay Natin ang Galing Mo*”, the 2020 TOYM Awards recognized seven (7) exemplary and selfless individuals who have brought service to others, exuded excellence, shown outstanding leadership and made significant contributions to the country;

WHEREAS, the 2020 TOYM Awardees are considered to be true models of excellence worth emulating by the young generation and the nation in general;

WHEREAS the Senate, as an expression of its support to the youth and nation-building, joins the JCI Philippines, PLDT, Inc., Smart Communications, Gerry Roxas Foundation, Inc., Advantage Management Consulting Philippines, Inc. and TOYM Foundation, Inc. in recognizing and honoring the TOYM Awardees for 2020: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To congratulate and commend The Outstanding Young Men 2020 Awardees namely:


1. Mr. David L. Almirol Jr. (Science Technology and Engineering) – the founder and CEO of Multisys Technologies Corp., a software and technology company, with more than 20 digital technology solutions, making it simple and cost effective for businesses to thrive;
2. Mr. Edgar T. Elago (Community Development/ Education) – a teacher who founded Project Scholar, that grew into Adopt a Manobo and a Mananwa Student, and that links financially constrained but deserving students to possible college degrees. He likewise started Cooltura Couture, featuring indigenous peoples (IPs) works of art in fashion;
3. Mr. George I. Royeca (Business Entrepreneurship in Pioneering Industries) – the co-founder of the app-based motorbike taxi service “Angkas” which generated employment, affirmed the dignity of those previously referred as “habal-habal” drivers, and uplifted their status and capabilities;
4. Atty. Lesley Jeanne Y. Cordero (Political and Social Sciences) – a Senior Disaster Risk Management Specialist for the World Bank who handles a \$1-billion program on the overall response to the disaster risk of the Philippines. During her previous stint in government, she coordinated the creation and implementation of the Yolanda Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Recovery Plan;
5. Dr. Raymond Francis R. Sarmiento (Medicine) – the first and only Filipino to receive formal training on clinical informatics and public health informatics. Despite lucrative job offers abroad, Dr. Sarmiento came back to the Philippines to develop the country’s first health interoperability software connection, paving the way for better technology, efficacy, and efficiency and improved local health standards;

6. Capt. Ron T. Villarosa Jr. (Community Development/ Military Service) – responsible for the creation of many livelihood, evacuation, education and infrastructure programs in war-torn areas. He created systems that prevented violent extremists from entering communities and creating bigger conflicts;
7. Mayor Victor Ma. Regis N. Sotto (Government Service) – a role model for good governance who was recently named as one of the U.S. State Department's 12 International Anti-corruption Champions, who has been credited with changing many outdated policies and adapting them to the modern needs of his constituents. He is also delivering better quality education, health and wellness, and housing for his constituency.

Adopted,


VICENTE C. SOTTO III
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 9, 2021.


MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA
Secretary of the Senate