

Republic of the Philippines  
Congress of the Philippines  
**Senate**  
Pasay City

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RESOLUTION No. 6

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING  
THE RECIPIENTS OF THE OUTSTANDING YOUNG  
MEN (TOYM) OF THE PHILIPPINES 2021 AWARDS  
FOR THEIR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
PHILIPPINE SOCIETY

WHEREAS, The Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) of the Philippines Awards seek to recognize the outstanding achievement of young Filipino men and women between the ages of 18 and 40 years old, whose selfless dedication, passion and integrity to their respective profession and fields of endeavor made positive and significant contributions to the betterment of Philippine society and resulted to advancements in their respective fields;

WHEREAS, the TOYM Awards which was established in 1959 is an annual project organized by the Junior Chamber International (JCI) Philippines, together with the TOYM Foundation, Inc. and the Gerry Roxas Foundation, Inc.;

WHEREAS, the two-step selection process for TOYM has been known to be rigorous and has developed a reputation for its selectiveness of outstanding young men and women upon whom the award is conferred;

WHEREAS, with the theme “Everyday Leaders Enabling Extraordinary Impact,” the TOYM 2021 Awards recognizes the best ten (10) Honorees, who, despite the challenges they faced during the COVID-19 pandemic, have brought exemplary service to others, exuded excellence, shown outstanding leadership and made significant contributions to the country;

WHEREAS, the Senate, as an expression of its support to the youth and nation-building, joins the JCI Philippines in recognizing and honoring the TOYM Awardees for 2021: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To congratulate and commend The Outstanding Young Men 2021 Awardees, namely:*

- 1) Ariestelo A. Asilo (Social Entrepreneurship) – coffee entrepreneur who co-organized the non-governmental organization Rise Against Hunger. He also won a grant in 2021 for his coffee research, which uses Internet of Things technology benefitting 400 coffee farmers in Cavite and Davao. He is also the Chief Operating Officer (COO) and co-founder of Varacco Inc., which won as one of the 50 United Nations’ Best Small Business: Good Food for All, a recognition given at the United Nations Foods Systems Summit 2021;
- 2) Iloisa Romaraog-Diga (Agricultural Entrepreneurship) – the mind behind the app Session Groceries, which connects local farmers and consumers to support local agribusiness, promote a sustainable lifestyle, and educate the local community on the benefits of eating fresh, locally grown food. Session Groceries also developed a farmers’ academy, which allows sharing of knowledge and experiences to aid the farmers in meeting quality standards and ensure continued community support;

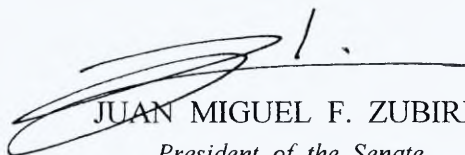
- 3) Eleazar Abraham “Abe” L. Orobias (Education) – head facilitator of Art Workshops for Indigenous People. He focused on artistic research during the pandemic to determine society’s conduct towards art and culture in times of crisis and adapted an alternative teaching modality by documenting his art via videos and teaching that what is happening at home can still have impact on our art and culture consumption;
- 4) Anna R. Oposa (Environment Marine Conservation) – a marine conservationist and co-founder and Executive Director of Save Philippine Seas, a movement to mobilize citizens for collective action and behavior change towards marine conservation. In 2015, she founded the Sea and Earth Advocates or SEA Camp, which has trained over 200 youth leaders in the Philippines and Southeast Asia to become leaders in conservation. She has helped operationalize the country’s first shark and ray sanctuary in Cebu through empowerment and education programs;
- 5) Jayeel S. Cornelio (Education and Sociology) – Associate Professor and the Director of the Development Studies Program at the Ateneo de Manila University. Mr. Cornelio, a recipient of two national awards for his scholarship and extensive body of work on religion and social change, has also been the editor of “Rethinking Filipino Millennials: Alternative Perspectives on a Misunderstood Generation” in 2020 and the lead editor of the “Routledge International Handbook of Religion in Global Society” in 2021;
- 6) Maria Yzabell Angel V. Palma (Science and Technology) – inventor of the AirDisc Cooling Technologies, which is anticipated to play a pivotal role amid the climate crisis by making these technologies available to everyone;
- 7) Dr. Jaime Alfonso M. Ahererra (Medicine and Cardiology) – Interventional Cardiologist. His research has been used to develop pathways for COVID-19

management at the Philippine General Hospital. He is also known for his work on ST-elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI), which is focused on the timely management of heart attacks and its correlation with adverse outcomes at the Philippine General Hospital;

- 8) Lou Sabrina S. Ongkiko (Education) – Master Teacher 1 at the Culiati Elementary School in Tandang Sora, Quezon City. She led the planning and implementation of her school's learning continuity program for distance learning during the pandemic and helped ensure its stability through the conduct of Facebook Messenger classes, strengthening learner mapping and community support;
- 9) Jaemark S. Tordecilla (Digital Journalism) – the head of digital media for GMA News and Public Affairs. He spearheaded the development of Cover Stories, an award-winning multimedia storytelling platform, as well as the network's Digital Video Laboratory, which has developed and launched a portfolio of original digital newscasts, documentary shows, and podcasts; and
- 10) Dr. Melvin J. Sanicas (Science and Medicine) – an internationally recognized Filipino COVID-19 expert. He tirelessly works in scientific communication, fighting misinformation and disinformation, advancing the field of vaccinology, and making significant contributions to global public health. He is a TED Educator and the lessons he developed on tuberculosis, influenza, meningitis, and the coronavirus have been translated into over 24 different languages and viewed by millions.

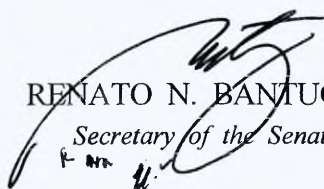
*Resolved, further,* That a copy of this Resolution be given to the awardees of the TOYM 2021.

Adopted,



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI  
*President of the Senate*

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 8, 2022.



RENATO N. BANTUG Jr.  
*Secretary of the Senate*

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