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Introduced By Senator Loren Legarda

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**RESOLUTION**  
**COMMENDING THE ALTERNATIVE INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**  
**INC. FOR WINNING THE BBC WORLD CHALLENGE 2010**

*WHEREAS*, the Philippines' Alternative Indigenous Development Foundation Inc.'s (AIDFI) Hydraulic Ram Pump Program in Negros utilizes the energy contained in falling water to pump a portion of the water to very high elevation without the use of electricity or fuel;

*WHEREAS*, AIDFI has introduced the water-powered pump to over 170 villages, which has provided poor villagers living in mountainous regions with clean drinking water;

*WHEREAS*, AIDFI has been developing and pushing for renewable and cheap technologies in support of agricultural production and the basic needs of the rural folk;

*WHEREAS*, AIDFI develops, manufactures and installs what it calls "*Technologies in Harmony with Nature*": small hydro power, biogas, and windmill for electricity generation;

*WHEREAS*, AIDFI also trains community development workers who can assist villages in organizing themselves and in managing projects to ensure sustainability;

*WHEREAS*, the Hydraulic Ram Pump Project was announced as the winner out of over 800 nominations received from over 70 countries in the BBC World Challenge 2010 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands on December 4;

*WHEREAS*, the BBC World Challenge is a global competition aimed at finding projects from around the world that have shown enterprise and innovation at a grassroots level;

*WHEREAS*, AIDFI's Hydraulic Ram Pump Project is a testament that the Philippines can pioneer and pursue projects that empower rural communities through sustainable development initiatives;

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate commends the Alternative Indigenous Development Foundation Inc. for winning the BBC World Challenge 2010.

Adopted,

  
LOREN LEGARDA  
Senator