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RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING VETERINARIAN TEODULO M.
TOPACIO, JR. ON HIS CONFERMENT AS
NATIONAL SCIENTIST OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the rank and title of National Scientist of the Philippines is the highest award accorded to Filipino scientists by the Philippine government;

WHEREAS, this award which was created in December 1976, gives distinction to individual who has earned a doctoral degree in any field of sciences and has demonstrated and earned distinction in independent research or significant innovative achievement in the basic and applied sciences;

WHEREAS, Topacio, 84, graduated from the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City in 1951 with a degree in veterinary medicine. He later earned a master and doctorate degrees at the Michigan State University and Purdue University, in 1956 and 1963, respectively;

WHEREAS, Topacio, a native of Cavite was recognized for his contribution to the study of animal diseases, particularly the transmission of leptospirosis from pigs to humans thereby allowing authorities to develop cures;

WHEREAS, he was further cited for his contribution to higher productivity in the livestock industry and the development of reasonably priced veterinary and pharmaceutical products;

WHEREAS, he has done work among others on the treatment and reduction of abortion among pig, bacterial abortion in cattle, parasitic liver disease, virus disease of dogs and tumors in cats; and

WHEREAS, since 1978, Topacio is the 32nd conferee of this elite rank and title, and as such was given a financial gratuity, entitled to the same privileges enjoyed by the National Artist of the Philippines, which includes a monthly life pension, medical and hospitalization benefits, a place of honor in line with protocol precedence at national state functions and state funeral, befitting their recognized status as heroes of the Philippines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, to congratulate and commend veterinarian Teodulo M. Topacio, Jr. on his conferment as National Scientist of the Philippines.

Adopted.


RAMON BONG REVILLA JR.
Senator