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Introduced by SENATOR LOREN LEGARDA

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RESOLUTION

**COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE MARITIME GROUP, THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UNIT AND THEIR SELECT INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS FOR BEING AMONG THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2014 ASIA ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT AWARD (AEEA) IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR EXCELLENCE IN ENFORCING ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS**

**WHEREAS**, on 20 May 2015, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) announced in Bangkok, Thailand the inclusion of the Philippine National Police Maritime Group and the Bureau of Customs Environmental Protection Unit, among the eight organization recipients and of Major Nicomedes Petallo Enad, Chief/Special Police Major, Environmental Protection Unit, Enforcement and Security Service, Bureau of Customs; Police Superintendent Osmundo Dupagan Salibo, Chief, Philippine National Police Maritime Group Special Boat Unit; and Police Senior Superintendent Jonathan Viernes V. Ablang, Deputy Director for Operations, Philippine National Police Maritime Group among the five individual recipients of the 2014 Asia Environmental Enforcement Award (AEEA);

**WHEREAS**, initiated in 2014 and organized jointly by the UNEP together with the Freeland Foundation, the AEEA aims to recognize enforcement officers and organizations who "boldly and fearlessly implement and enforce national environmental laws and multilateral environmental conventions, and fight environmental crime, including illegal trade in protected species and other wildlife, illicit trade in ODS, chemicals and waste, and other environmental violation";

**WHEREAS**, the PNP Maritime Group was awarded for "conducting more than 1,500 operations against violation of fisheries, forestry and wildlife laws, leading to the seizure of endangered aquatic species, nearly 9,000 arrests and collection of fines worth more than US\$ 300,000" with its enforcement officers Police Superintendent Osmundo D. Salibo and Police Senior Superintendent Jonathan Viernes V. Ablang, Deputy Director for Operations meriting individual mention by the UNEP;

**WHEREAS**, Police Superintendent Salibo was cited for "leading the confiscation of large amounts of endangered wildlife including nearly 900 turtles and more than 9,000 marine turtle eggs" while Police Senior Superintendent Ablang was noted for "promoting the establishment of marine protected areas and recruitment and training of 679 local community marine protected area guards and the setting up of

an SMS public hotline which led to the arrest of thousands of suspects for illegal fishing and pollution”;

**WHEREAS**, for its “seizure of 90 container vans that were illegally transporting chemicals, chemical products and waste materials,” the BOC Environmental Protection Unit became one of first recipients of the 2014 AEEA with Major Nicomedes P. Enad, Chief/Special Police Major cited for initiating its establishment within the agency in order to address the smuggling and illegal trade of chemicals and wildlife which led to the seizure of shipments in violation of environmental laws and regulations in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, this serves as an inspiration for the men and women members of our law enforcement agencies who are at the frontlines in the effective implementation of our environmental laws and in battling environmental crime;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to commend the Philippine National Police Maritime Group, the Bureau of Customs Environmental Protection Unit and their select individual members for being among the recipients of the 2014 Asia Environmental Enforcement Award (AEEA) in recognition of their excellence in enforcing environmental laws;

Adopted,

  
**LOREN LEGARDA**  
Senator