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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE OUTSTANDING
PHILIPPINE SOLDIERS OF 2015 AWARDED BY THE METROBANK
FOUNDATION, INC. AND ROTARY CLUB OF MAKATI METRO

WHEREAS, The Outstanding Philippine Soldiers or T.O.P.S. is an annual search undertaken by the Rotary Club of Makati Metro together with the Metrobank Foundation, Inc., in consonance with the conviction of both organizations to honor Filipino excellence and present wellsprings of hope in the future of our nation;

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Makati Metro launched the T.O.P.S. in 12 September 1994 as an expression of the civilian sector's appreciation and gratitude for the soldiers' selfless acts of gallantry in preserving the nation's sovereignty;

WHEREAS, the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. on the other hand, has been extending grants to the various military educational institutions since 1995 as a sign of gratitude for the military's efforts to ensure our country's sovereignty, including the setting up of a P10-million endowment fund in 1999 for a recognition program for outstanding soldiers;

WHEREAS, in the last thirteen years, the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. and Rotary Club of Makati Metro and have jointly implemented the Search for T.O.P.S. wherein the latter, utilizing its experience in running similar contests such as the Search for Outstanding Teachers, has provided technical and logistical assistance to further improve and professionalize the competition;

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Rotary Club of Makati Metro and the Metrobank Foundation, Inc., in consultation with the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), introduced a whole new T.O.P.S. wherein the competition now recognizes the career contribution of a soldier within the last seven (7) years of his/her service in the military, unlike in the previous years of the Search where only individual achievements within a single year were recognized;

WHEREAS, the competition awards a maximum of ten (10) winners which shall be chosen from among all Officers with a rank of Captain up to Colonel and Enlisted Personnel of the Major Services of the AFP as well as from among all Officers with a rank of Captain up to Lieutenant Colonel of the Technical Services of the AFP (Medical Corps, Nurses Corps, Veterinary Corps, Dental Corps, Medical Administration Corps, Engineering Corps, Chaplain Service, Judge Advocate General Service, and the Corps of Professors);

WHEREAS, the Search for T.O.P.S. raises the models of excellence within the military which the other soldiers should emulate, and likewise represents the ideals being upheld by the larger sector of the national community represented by both the Rotary Club of Makati Metro and the Metrobank Foundation, Inc.;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate proudly joins the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. and Rotary Club of Makati Metro in congratulating and commending the gallant militia who have risked life and limb in the defense of our country's sovereignty through this year's 2015 Search for The Outstanding Philippine Soldiers;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, That the Philippine Senate congratulate and commend The Outstanding Philippine Soldiers (T.O.P.S.) of 2015 awarded by the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. and Rotary Club of Makati Metro namely:

From the Philippine Army

1. Col. Danilo Gines Pamonag
2. Master Sergeant Arnel Guerreo Cariaga
3. Master Sergeant Ferdinand Cabungcal Lascano

From the Philippine Navy

4. Col. Ariel Reyes Caculitan
5. Technical Sergeant Romel Bustamante Bancairin
6. Disbursing Clerk 3rd Class Dennis Larracochea Gurrea

From the Philippine Air Force

7. Col. Maxima Oximoso Ignacio
8. Senior Master Sergeant Romeo Castro Austria
9. Staff Sergeant Adriano Luzong Reginales, Jr.

From the Technical Services

10. Major Jonna Dalida Dalaguit

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID