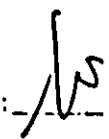


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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE RECIPIENTS OF "THE OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN" (TOYM) OF THE PHILIPPINES 2015 AWARD HONORED BY THE JUNIOR CHAMBER INTERNATIONAL - PHILIPPINES, INC., TOYM FOUNDATION, INC., AND GERRY ROXAS FOUNDATION, INC.

WHEREAS, "The Outstanding Young Men" (TOYM) Awards is an annual project organized and presented by the Junior Chamber International - Philippines otherwise known as the Philippine Jaycees, the Gerry Roxas Foundation, Inc., and the TOYM Foundation, Inc., since 1959;

WHEREAS, the TOYM Awards seek to recognize young men and women whose selfless dedication to their profession and fields of endeavor contributed significantly to Philippine growth thereby benefitting the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, the Junior Chamber International - Philippines chose ten (10) exceptional individuals from various fields of expertise to receive the esteemed TOYM Award that would best personify this year's theme: "Building Our Nation for Global Competitiveness";

WHEREAS, an advocate of genuine tax reform, Raymond A. Abrea, helps educate politicians, celebrities, entrepreneurs and even lawyers in tax matters, and offers strategies for small businesses to achieve their bottomline while paying appropriate taxes;

WHEREAS, 37-year old Engr. Jose Ramon P. Aliling is one of the most trusted, professional, and sought-after Construction Managers in the country and his company is the first in the Philippines to have triple ISO accreditation, covering Management System, Environment and Occupational Health and Safety;

WHEREAS, Michael Barney R. Almazar, head of the monthly free legal aid clinic at the Philippine Embassy and Consulate in the United Arab Emirates, has devoted his practice to protect our migrant workers in the Middle East where his practical approach to assisting distressed Overseas Filipino Workers is being used as the pilot model in protecting the rights of more than 3 million Filipinos in the Arab region;

WHEREAS, at a very young age, multimedia journalist and documentary filmmaker Patricia C. Evangelista has already 6 international and 9 local awards recognizing her works that focused on human rights, conflict, disaster, development and public interest issues;

WHEREAS, respected pianist, composer and musical director Sofronio P. Fortich Jr. manages a career spanning two countries — an active figure in the local theater scene in Manila, and the musical director of Hong Kong Disneyland, holding high the banner for Filipinos who work to bring happiness to millions of visitors of said park;

WHEREAS, with numerous awards up his sleeves such as Asia's Most Influential Digital Media Professionals, Digital Marketer of the Year, Digital Leader of the Future award, Young Market Masters Award in Online Marketing, Certified Entrepreneur title by

the Canadian Institute of Entrepreneurship and the first recipient of the SPi Global Young Leadership Award in the Asia CEO Awards, Donald Patrick L. Lim, founder of digital marketing in the Philippines, is cited for his leadership in digitizing the Philippine business industry;

WHEREAS, technology entrepreneur Nico Jose S. Nollo do traces his humble beginnings as an assistant manager at a fast food chain before pursuing entrepreneurship and building Southeast Asia's largest listed consumer technology company, Xurpas Inc., which is now trading at over three times its 2014 IPO price, valuing his 26-percent stake at about Php6.3 billion;

WHEREAS, University of the Philippines College of Pharmacy Associate Professor Roderick L. Salenga has devoted his life's work to improving the pharmacy practice in the country, such that during his term as Chairman of the Department of Pharmacy in the state university, he was able to introduce breakthrough academic models aimed at enhancing the training of pharmacy students;

WHEREAS, accomplished entrepreneur Rogelio B. Santos Jr. has been significantly raising the bar in business by merging pioneering technologies together with social enterprises such as his Amylex company where they undertake nano-molecular research and clinical studies in the field of Alzheimer's disease, and the Butterfly House, a non-government organization whose product is specifically designed to meet the needs of internally displaced people;

WHEREAS, this year's awardees will join the ranks of outstanding Filipinos who have been honored by the Junior Chamber International - Philippines throughout the past 56 years;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate proudly joins the Junior Chamber International - Philippines, Inc., TOYM Foundation, Inc. and the Gerry Roxas Foundation, Inc., and in congratulating and commending the Filipinos who have proven their mettle for service of the greater good through The Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) of the Philippines 2015;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines congratulates and commends the recipients of "The Outstanding Young Men" (TOYM) of the Philippines 2015 award honored by the Junior Chamber International - Philippines, Inc., TOYM Foundation, Inc., and the Gerry Roxas Foundation, Inc., namely:

1. *Raymond A. Abrea* for Accounting and Finance
2. *Engr. Jose Ramon P. Aliling* for Civil Engineering
3. *Michael Barney R. Almazar* for Law/Legal Aid
4. *Geoffrey Bryan A. Chua* for Education
5. *Patricia C. Evangelista* for Journalism
6. *Safronio P. Fortich Jr.* for Arts in Music
7. *Donald Patrick L. Lim* for Community Development
8. *Nico Jose S. Nollo do* for Business
9. *Roderick L. Salenga* for Public Health
10. *Rogelio B. Santos Jr.* for Social Entrepreneurship

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID