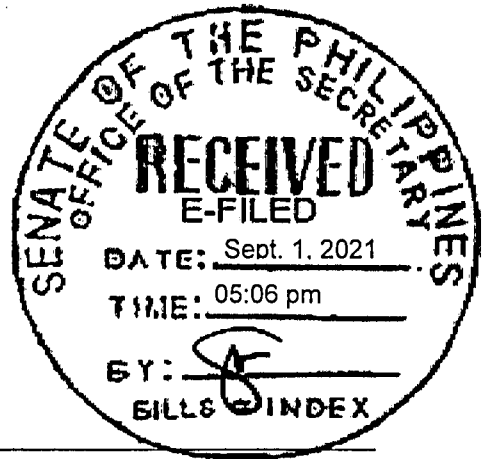


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Introduced by Senator FRANKLIN M. DRILON

RESOLUTION
CONFERRING THE PHILIPPINE SENATE MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE
TO 2021 RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARDEE ROBERTO BALLON

1 WHEREAS, Resolution No. 110 establishes the Philippine Senate Medal of Excellence
2 to recognize, honor, and commend outstanding Filipinos, for their exemplary service,
3 exceptional achievements, and invaluable contributions to nation-building;

4 WHEREAS, Resolution No. 110 provides that the Philippine Senate Medal of Excellence
5 be conferred upon Filipinos who are recipients of the Ramon Magsaysay Award, Asia's
6 premier prize and highest honor;

7 WHEREAS, on 31 August 2021, community leader Roberto "Ka Dodoy" Ballon, was
8 named one of five recipients of the 2021 Ramon Magsaysay Award, which recognizes
9 "greatness of spirit shown through selfless service to the peoples of Asia";

10 WHEREAS, Ka Dodoy, who hails from Zamboanga Sibugay, is the 52nd Filipino to
11 receive Asia's highest honor, for "inspiring determination in leading his fellow fisherfolk in
12 reviving a dying fishing industry by creating a sustainable marine environment for this
13 generation and generations to come," through efforts such as putting up the Kapunungan
14 sa Gamay mga Mangingisda sa Concepcion to focus on mangrove reforestation;

15 WHEREAS, Ka Dodoy, "has broken the mold by leading his community in preserving
16 the coastal environment that has been the life-source for generations of fishing families,"
17 which has led to the dramatic improvement of fish catch in Sibugay, the replication of his
18 efforts in nearby towns, and consequently, in the fisherfolk's quality of life;

19 WHEREAS, prior to being bestowed Asia's highest honor, Ka Dodoy was named as the
20 most outstanding fisherfolk in Zamboanga Sibugay in the year 2012, awarded the National
21 Gawad Natatanging Parangal for fish conservation by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic

1 Resources (BFAR) in 2019 and cited as the most outstanding fisherfolk organization leader
2 by the Ateneo de Zamboanga University in 2011;

3 WHEREAS, in being hailed by the he Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation as a
4 "shining example of how everyday acts of heroism can truly be extraordinary and
5 transformative", Ka Dodoy proved that ordinary citizens with noble intentions and the
6 determination to take action can be agents of profound change: Now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, To confer the Philippine Senate Medal of
8 Excellence to Roberto "Ka Dodoy" Ballon for his outstanding achievement in being named
9 as recipient of the Ramon Magsaysay Award, thus bringing honor and prestige to the
10 Republic of the Philippines, and serving as inspiration to Filipino fisherfolk and all Filipinos.

Adopted,


FRANKLIN M. DRILON
Senator