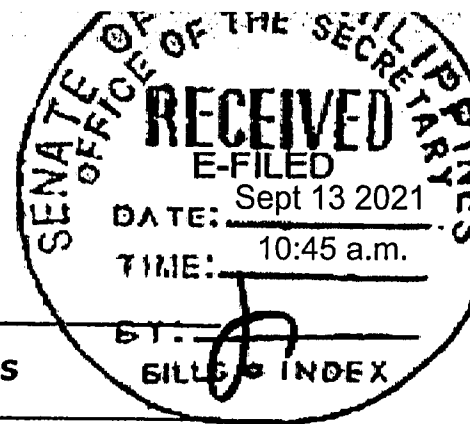


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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR RISA HONTIVEROS

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Ka Dodoy, a fisherfolk leader from Zamboanga Sibugay, is the 52nd Filipino to receive Asia's highest honor for inspiring determination in leading his fellow fisherfolk in reviving a dying fishing industry by creating a sustainable marine environment for this generation and generations to come. Through his leadership, courage and determination he established the Kapunungan sa Gamay ng Mangingisda sa Concepcion (KGMC) which has inspired other villages to organize and apply themselves in reforesting 600 hectares of denuded mangroves transforming what was once a desert of abandoned fishponds is now an expanse of healthy mangrove forests rich with marine and terrestrial life and improving opportunities for a better economic life for the many fishers in the coastal communities of Sibugay;

WHEREAS, Roberto "Ka Dodoy" Ballon's exemplary leadership and community contributions has earned him local recognition. He was named as one of the most outstanding fisherfolk in Zamboanga Sibugay in the year 2012. He was also awarded the National Gawad Natatanging Parangal for fish conservation by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) in 2019. In 2011, he was cited as the most outstanding fisherfolk organization leader by the Ateneo de Zamboanga University;

WHEREAS, Roberto "Ka Dodoy" Ballon's consistent and courageous leadership has led the fishers of Sibugay to take action towards fulfillment of their aspirations has earned him the Ramon Magsaysay Foundation Award;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as it is hereby resolved, to confer the Philippine Senate Medal of Excellence to Roberto "Ka Dodoy" Ballon.

Adopted,


RISA HONTIVEROS
Senator