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RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. BERNADETTE J. MADRID, A PEDIATRICIAN AND CHILDREN'S RIGHT CHAMPION, FOR BEING THE LONE FILIPINO AND WOMAN IN THE 2022 RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARDEES

1 **WHEREAS**, the Philippine Senate has, on several occasions, given recognition
2 and commendation to outstanding Filipinos for their outstanding feats of bringing
3 honor, pride and glory to the country by garnering prestigious awards;

4 **WHEREAS**, the Ramon Magsaysay Award, considered as Asia's premier prize
5 and highest honor, aims to celebrate greatness of spirit and transformative leadership
6 in Asia;

7 **WHEREAS**, the Award, said to have been established to preserve former
8 Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay's example of integrity, courage, and idealism,
9 is deemed as the Asian equivalent of the Nobel Prize. Since 1958, it has been bestowed
10 upon over three hundred (300) outstanding individuals and organizations "whose
11 selfless service has offered their societies, Asia, and the world successful solutions to
12 some of the most challenging problems of human development";

13 **WHEREAS**, four (4) individuals from Cambodia, Japan, Indonesia and the
14 Philippines are the recipients of the award this 2022;

15 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Bernadette J. Madrid, the lone Filipino awardee, was
16 recognized for her "transformative work" in integrating child protection into the health

1 infrastructure in the country.¹² She was given the award for "her admirable
2 commitment in championing the rights of the most vulnerable," the Ramon Magsaysay
3 Foundation announced;

4 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Madrid is a compassionate clinician, a committed educator, a
5 passionate leader, a prolific researcher, a dedicated advocate and social mobilizer;

6 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Madrid has been at the forefront in providing medical, legal,
7 and psychosocial care to children and women who are victims of abuse;

8 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Madrid is an alumna of the University of the Philippines College
9 of Medicine (UPCM). She headed the Philippine General Hospital's Child Protection Unit
10 (PGH-CPU) since 1997, she has been teaching Pediatrics for almost twenty years (20)
11 at UP Manila and has been serving as the Executive Director of the Child Protection
12 Network Foundation, Inc.;

13 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Madrid has published several articles in local and international
14 peer-reviewed journals, chapters in books and manuals, as well as research on child
15 protection that have "contributed to changes in policy and practice in the Philippines";

16 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Madrid was the first president of the Philippine Ambulatory
17 Pediatric Association and was elected to the Executive Council of the International
18 Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect from 2004 to 2010;

19 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Madrid has already been recognized for her work on children's
20 protection and rights — both local and international, namely as Most Outstanding
21 Pediatrician of 2021 by the Philippine Pediatric Society Inc. for "being the true
22 embodiment of a 5-star physician" and the Most Influential Filipina in the World Award
23 (Pioneer and Founder Category) by the Filipina Women's Network in 2019 in Paris,
24 France;

25 **WHEREAS**, Ramon Magsaysay Foundation has recognized Dr. Madrid for her
26 "unassuming and steadfast commitment to a noble and demanding advocacy; her

¹ The Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation. *Madrid, Bernadette* Retrieved from last
<https://www.rmaward.asia/awardee/madrid-bernadette> August 31, 2022

1 leadership in running a multisectoral, multidisciplinary effort in child protection that is
2 admired in Asia; and her competence and compassion in devoting herself to seeing
3 that every abused child lives in a healing, safe, and nurturing society”;

4 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Bernadette J. Madrid, in receiving the Ramon Magsaysay
5 Award, has become a Filipino icon, inspiring all of us to become a hope to the hopeless
6 and a voice for the voiceless. Indeed, she has exemplified “greatness of spirit, beyond
7 Borders”;

8 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to
9 commending Dr. Bernadette J. Madrid, a Pediatrician and Children’s Right Champion,
10 for being the lone Filipino and woman in the 2022 Ramon Magsaysay Awardees.

Adopted,


RAMON BONG REVILLA JR.