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**RESOLUTION**  
**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING PEDIATRICIAN AND**  
**CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND PROTECTION CRUSADER, DR.**  
**BERNADETTE J. MADRID FOR BEING ONE OF THE 2022 RAMON**  
**MAGSAYSAY AWARDEES**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Senate has, on numerous occasions, recognized and give commendation to outstanding Filipinos for their valuable service to the people and laudable contribution to the nation;

**WHEREAS**, the Ramon Magsaysay Award, is Asia's premier prize and highest honor, recognizes greatness of spirit shown in selfless service to the people of Asia regardless of race, gender or religion;

**WHEREAS**, in over six decades, the award has been bestowed on 344 outstanding individuals and organizations whose selfless service has offered their societies, Asia, and the world successful solutions to some of the most intractable problems of human development;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Bernadette J. Madrid was born in Iloilo, she studied medicine and pediatrics at University of the Philippines, Manila and did a post-residency fellowship in ambulatory pediatrics at Montefiore Medical Center in New York;

**WHEREAS**, since 1997, Madrid has been serving as the head of the Philippine General Hospital Child Protection Unit (PGH-CPU), the first facility of its kind in the country, which is praised as "the best medical system for abused children in Southeast Asia";

**WHEREAS**, Philippine General Hospital Child Protection Unit (PGH-CPU) is a one-stop health facility that provides a coordinated program of medical, legal, social, and mental health services for abused children and their families. As of 2021, it has served 27,639 children;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Madrid was instrumental in the establishment of the Child Protection Network Foundation Inc., a national network of child protection units from the civil society, academe, and the government in 2002;

**WHEREAS**, the network now consists of 123 WCPUs in 61 provinces and 10 cities, which has served 119,965 children and adolescents, and 30,912 women. The network has a total staff of 237 physicians, 199 social workers, and eighty-five police officers;

**WHEREAS**, as CPNFI Executive Director, Dr. Madrid designed programs and engaged with family courts, schools, hospitals, local government units, community organizations, and policymakers in advancing the cause of child protection;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Madrid also oversees and coordinates the network's five areas of work: medical and psychosocial care; child safety and legal protection; a national program for training in child protection; a national network called the Network of Women and Child Protection Units (WCPUs); and research for a national database on child abuse;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Madrid's work has gone beyond local shores as she is a member of several advisory groups on child protection such as those of the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs for Sustainable Development Goals 16. She is also the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on violence against children;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Madrid has been recognized by various institutions for her work in promoting children's rights and protection, the awards and recognitions include: the Outstanding Pediatrician for 2021 by the Philippine Pediatric Society, Most Influential Filipina in the World 2019 by the Filipina Women's Network, Outstanding Service Award on Child Protective Services 2012 by the National Children's Advocacy Center, Most Outstanding Philippine Doctor 2004 by the Philippine Junior Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Department of Health and the World Health Organization;

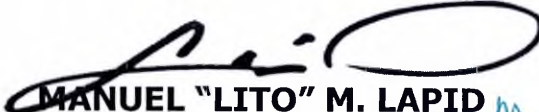
**WHEREAS**, Dr. Madrid's work is not only deserving of commendation, it is worthy of emulation and promotion. Her work should have all the necessary support from the public and private sector to ensure that her advocacies continue long after she retires from service;

**WHEREAS**, for her invaluable service to uplift the lives of the Filipino children and the whole nation through her dedication in creating women- and child-protection units in and around the Philippines, Dr. Bernadette J. Madrid deserves this Chamber's commendation and the highest recognition of the entire nation:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, for the Senate of the Philippines to express its congratulations and commendations to pediatrician

and children's rights and protection crusader, Dr. Bernadette J. Madrid for being one of the 2022 Ramon Magsaysay Awardees.

*Adopted,*

  
**MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID**  
Senator