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## Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

## RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO SCIENTISTS DR. LOURDES "LULY" CRUZ AND DR. BALDOMERO "TOTO" OLIVERA, RECIPIENTS OF THE 2022 GOLDEN GOOSE AWARDS

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 10 of the Constitution states "Science and technology are essential for national development and progress. The state shall give priority to research and development, invention, innovation, and their utilization; and to science and technology education, training and services. It shall support indigenous, appropriate, and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, and their application to the country's productive systems and national life";

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines, on numerous occasions, has commended and celebrated the achievements, accomplishments and valuable contribution of outstanding Filipinos in the field of science and technology;

WHEREAS, the Golden Goose Awards is a United States based international award-giving body created by Congressman Jim Cooper of Tennessee in 2012, which aims to recognize scientists and their research and innovations from around the world that make a significant impact on humanity and society;

WHEREAS, the annual event is organized by the American Association for the Advancement of Science which aims to honor federally funded research around the world that benefit the entire world;

WHEREAS, this year, in the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Golden Goose Awards ceremony, among the recipients of the coveted award are Filipino scientists Dr. Lourdes "Luly" Cruz and Dr. Baldomero "Toto" Olivera, both graduates of the University of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Filipino chemists, alongside Craig Clark and Michael McIntosh were named among this year's winners of the Golden Goose Awards for their research on cone snails, a group of highly venomous sea mollusks that are commonly found in Philippine Reefs;

WHEREAS, their team and their outstanding research led to the discovery of the raw material that can create a non-opioid pain reliever, they also came up with a powerful new tool for studying the central nervous system all hidden within the cone snail's venom;

WHEREAS, their incredible feat and invaluable contribution to humanity and society as a whole deserve to be recognized and commended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for the Senate of the Philippines to congratulate and commend Dr. Lourdes "Luly" Cruz and Dr. Baldomero "Toto" Olivera for their outstanding contribution in the field of science and for their win at the 2022 Golden Goose Awards.

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