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Introduced by Senator SONNY ANGARA

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE AWARDEES OF THE 20TH TEN ACCOMPLISHED YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS (TAYO) AWARDS FOR THEIR INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO NATION-BUILDING

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution recognizes the role of youth in nation-building and has mandated that the State shall: (1) promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being; (2) inculcate in them patriotism and nationalism, and (3) encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs;

WHEREAS, the Ten Accomplished Youth Organizations (TAYO) Awards was initiated in 2002 by Senator Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan after having observed that there were no recognitions for youth organizations and with the initial search being conducted under National Youth Commission (NYC) Chairman Mabel Mamba and former NYC Commissioner Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino;

WHEREAS, since its establishment, the Ten Accomplished Youth Organizations (TAYO) Awards Foundation, together with its partner organizations, has been on the mission of finding, recognizing, and celebrating the efforts of youth organizations and their contributions to nation-building;

WHEREAS, over its 20 years of existence, the TAYO Awards have recognized 380 youth organizations which have contributed to nation-building specifically in the areas of (a) Culture, Arts and Heritage; (b) Education and Technology; (c) Environment, Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation; (d) Health, Well-Being and Human Development; and (e) Livelihood and Entrepreneurship;

WHEREAS, the following youth organizations have been selected as the 2022 TAYO Awardees: (a) Albay Young Farmers Organization; (b) The BAKA; (c) Iligan Safe

Space; (d) Leaders' Council (e) Open Arms Organization; (f) PINTAKASI; (g) Project

2 TALA Organization; (h) Sangguniang Kabataan ng Barangay Talomo River (Davao del

3 Sur); (i) Shafaat Agriculture Cooperative (Mushroom for Change project); and (j)

Youth Empowering Youth Initiative, Inc.;

WHEREAS, the **Albay Young Farmers Organization**, is a youth organization in Albay, Bicol, which intends to encourage the active participation of their community, especially the youth in farming technology, specifically through the introduction of Edible Landscaping, an innovative approach to organic farming;

WHEREAS, **The BAKA**, is a youth organization from Misamis Oriental, composed of 15 members from the Oro Youth, City Agriculture, and private individuals in Cagayan de Oro. They launched a year-long program known as Agricultural Leadership Incubation program for the Kagay-anon Youth that aims to capacitate the Kagay-anon Youth on the whole value-chain approach through workshops and activities such as Servant Leadership, Agro-Fishery Inputs, Business Planning, Marketing, Communications, and the showcasing of Agricultural Produce;

WHEREAS, **Iligan Safe Space** is a community that celebrates and embraces diversity in Mindanao. Through their Safe Space Session project, they aim to create a non-hostile environment and a safe space for LGBTQIA+ youths of different cultures and backgrounds in Iligan City and strive to nurture and empower the well-being and mental health of LGBTQIA+ youths through empathic listening, group dialogue, and facilitated 'empowerment validations".

WHEREAS, **Leaders' Council**, is a Scouting Officers organization of Sacred Heart School – Ateneo de Cebu whose LOVE TO LEARN: LEARN TO EARN community program, aspires to help with the holistic reformation and development of children in conflict with the law. Through this project, they hope that children will no longer be tempted to do wrong and commit crimes again;

WHEREAS, **Open Arms Organization**, is an SEC-registered non-profit organization initiated by a group of friends in Batangas City which seeks to create a platform to help people in the marginalized sectors, one child or family at a time, as a contribution in making a society where everyone is included, heard, loved. Through their flagship project, Embrace A Child Program, they aim to empower families through accessible rehabilitation services and social programs;

WHEREAS, **PINTAKASI**, is a youth-led, non-profit, multi-arts organization based in Alabat Island, Quezon Province and home to artists of Alabat Island from all walks of life transcending the spectrum of genders. Their Buwan ng Sining or Arts Month is dedicated to artists of the island, allowing them to express their artistry freely.

WHEREAS, **Project TALA Organization**, is a group of young volunteers from Isabela province who utilizes theater as an artistic medium to bring awareness and advocate for acceptance and understanding of those who struggle with HIV and AIDS, to the youth. Project Teatro is one of their initiatives that uses theatre arts as the main platform for raising awareness on HIV and AIDS, striving to create a well-informed, accepting, and HIV-free Metro Poblacion A, Santiago City in the Province of Isabela;

WHEREAS **Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) ng Barangay Talomo River** is one of the 182 SKs in the City of Davao. Their project, Project Descartes, is a free, comprehensive online enrichment program offered to interested senior high school and freshmen college students of the City of Davao which covers five pre-calculus subjects and contributes to localizing the Sustainable Development Goals No. 4 (Quality Education) and No. 17 (Partnerships for the Goals);

WHEREAS, **Shafaat Agriculture Cooperative – Mushroom for Change**, is an organization that originated from the social enterprise project Mushroom for Change that aims to achieve poverty reduction among low-income farmers in Lanao province through mushroom production. They seek to create an alternative source of income for farmers, women IDPs from Marawi, and OSYs while ensuring environmental and health protection, gender inclusivity, and a proactive youth population in the Municipality of Ditsa-an Ramain, Lanao del Sur.

WHEREAS, **Youth Empowering Youth Initiative, Inc.**, is a youth-led organization in Bacolod City which facilitates active citizenship through youth-led initiatives in education, environment, culture, and the arts. YEY Initiative Inc. manages the social enterprise Sagup Negros whose focus is on food waste mitigation. Specifically, Sagup Negros seeks to create a model for carinderias and market vendors to lessen food waste generation, raise awareness about food waste and responsible consumption, minimize food waste generated by local vendors, and increase local vendors' average monthly income.

WHEREAS, these outstanding youth organizations, through their various programs, are paving the way in finding solutions to important issues of food security, poverty alleviation, and education gaps and are promoting inclusivity and awareness on health and social issues at the grassroots level;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Philippines to congratulate and commend the Awardees of the 20th Ten Accomplished Youth Organizations Awards in recognition of their invaluable contribution to nation-building.

Adopted,

SONNY ANGARA