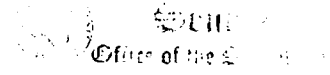


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**RESOLUTION**  
**RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE 2023 GALING POOK AWARDEES**  
**AND GALING POOK CITIZENSHIP AWARDEES FOR BEING MODELS OF**  
**COMMUNITY-DRIVEN PROGRESS**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Senate has, on several occasions, give recognition to outstanding Filipino institutions for their remarkable feats of bringing honor to the nation by garnering prestigious awards;

**WHEREAS**, Galing Pook Award is a joint initiative of the Galing Pook Foundation, Department of Interior and Local Government - Local Government Academy, SM Prime Holdings, Inc., and the other individual advocates of good governance from the academe, civil society and the government;

**WHEREAS**, Galing Pook Award was launched in 1993 as a pioneering program that promotes innovation and excellence in local governance. It continuously celebrates the best in local government practices and facilitates mainstreaming to more communities in the country;

**WHEREAS**, Galing Pook is the leading institution that promotes innovation, sustainability, citizen empowerment, and excellence at the local level, and providing Local Government Units (LGUs) with an enabling environment where knowledge is upgraded and best practices are exchanged which translate to further development in the communities;

**WHEREAS**, for three decades, the Galing Pook Awards has already recognized over 330 LGU programs from at least 200 LGUs in the country;

**WHEREAS**, the Galing Pook Citizenship Awards, started in 1995, is a search for civil society organizations, non-government organizations, social enterprises or private entities that endeavors “to build safe, sustainable, and smart communities”;

**WHEREAS**, the 2023 awardees were selected from 166 applications nationwide. The finalists were recognized for exhibiting programs that are “epitome of true devolution, excellence, innovation, and resourcefulness”;

**WHEREAS**, the 10 awardees of the 2023 Galing Pook Awardees are from Surigao del Norte, Davao Oriental, General Santos City, Makati City, Iloilo, Pasig City, Negros Oriental, Bataan, Cebu and Quezon City;

**WHEREAS**, the 5 awardees of the 2023 Galing Pook Citizenship Awardees are from Cebu City, Municipality of Pinamungajan, Bacolod City, Quezon City and Siargao;

**WHEREAS**, this year highlighted innovative and promising programs on food security, environment, climate change, health, and social welfare, that ultimately aim to improve the lives of their constituents;

**WHEREAS**, the Senate of the Philippines proudly joins the Department of Interior and Local Government - Local Government Academy, SM Prime Holdings, Inc., and the Galing Pook Foundation in congratulating and commending the 2023 Galing Pook Awardees and the Galing Pook Citizenship Awardees, for building platforms of crucial reforms and innovation in local governance, and for being the leading force of community transformation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to recognize and commend the 2023 Galing Pook Awardees and Galing Pook Citizenship Awardees for being models of community-driven progress.

*Adopted,*

  
**RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.**

### **2023 Galing Pook Awardees**

1. Del Carmen, Surigao del Norte: Seal of Health Governance;
2. Province of Davao Oriental: Happy Home;
3. General Santos City: Shari'a Atas Bitiara;
4. Makati City: Virtual Queuing Management System for Health Centers;
5. Province of Iloilo: Mobilizing Communities through People-Centered Zero Open Defecation Movement Towards Sustainable Sanitation;
6. Pasig City: Prehospital Care and Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Program;
7. Bayawan City, Negros Oriental: Fish From The Mountains: Bayawan Inland Aquaculture;
8. Province of Bataan: 1Bataan Seal of Healthy Barangay;
9. Barangay Taloot, Argao, Province of Cebu: Barangay Taloot Community-Based Integrated Approach; and,
10. Quezon City: iRISE UP (Intelligent, Resilient, and Integrated Systems for the Urban Population)

### **2023 Galing Pook Citizenship Awardees**

1. Ramon Aboitiz Foundation, Inc.;
2. Lamac Multi-Purpose Cooperative;
3. Negrense Volunteers for Change (NVC) Foundation;
4. Health Futures Foundation, Inc.; and
5. Espoir School of Life