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

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**RESOLUTION**  
**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE WINNERS OF THE**  
**30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GALING POOK AWARDS**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Senate has always recognized and commended outstanding Filipinos for their accomplishments that have brought honor, pride and glory to our country;

**WHEREAS**, on October 12, 2023, at the Galing Pook Awards, ten outstanding local government units (LGUs) were awarded for their excellence and unrelenting commitment to good governance and stellar leadership practices;

**WHEREAS**, the Galing Pook Awards was launched on October 21, 1993 as a pioneer program that searches and recognizes innovative practices by LGUs. Awardees are carefully chosen from a national search of local governance programs, evaluated through a multilevel rigorous screening process based on positive results and impact, promotion of people's participation and empowerment, innovations, transferability and sustainability, and efficiency of program service delivery;

**WHEREAS**, beyond receiving recognition, successful initiatives are promoted as role models for good government and adopted by other communities. They offer practical perceptions and methods for coming up with original answers to typical issues. More importantly, they reaffirm the dedication to good governance shared by the neighborhood and the local government;

**WHEREAS**, over the past 29 years, the Galing Pook Award has been given to more than 357 projects from at least 238 LGUs or local government partnerships. By

encouraging other local governments to adopt these novel methods, an environment is created for the replication of successful reforms, and the awardees play a crucial role as champions of innovation for good change;

**WHEREAS**, for the 2023 Galing Pook Awards, the Galing Pook Foundation and its institutional partners selected the following as the Ten Outstanding Local Governance Programs:

1. Bataan Province - 1 Bataan Seal of Healthy Barangay
2. Bayawan City, Negros Oriental - Fish From The Mountains: Bayawan Inland Aquaculture
3. Davao Oriental - Happy Home: Integrated and Holistic Rebel Integration Program
4. Del Carmen, Surigao del Norte - Seal of Health Governance: Local Health Leadership Approach as Response from Pandemic to Super Typhoon "Odette"
5. General Santos City - Sharia Atas Bitiara: The Comprehensive and Balanced Conflict Resolution Mechanism for Muslims
6. Iloilo Province - Mobilizing Communities through People-Centered Zero Open Defecation Movement Towards Sustainable Sanitation
7. Makati City - Virtual Queuing Management System: An Online Platform for Queuing and Appointments for Health Centers
8. Pasig City - Prehospital Care and Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Program
9. Quezon City - iRISE UP (Intelligent, Resilient, and Integrated Systems for the Urban Population
10. Barangay Taloot, Argao, Cebu - Barangay Taloot Community Based Integrated Approach

**WHEREAS**, the Senate of the Philippines recognizes the unwavering dedication and heartfelt commitment of the Galing Pook awardees, whose selfless actions have not only transformed communities but have also instilled hope and inspired countless

others to be active agents of positive change, reminding us that the Filipino spirit of bayanihan remains alive and well;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, to congratulate and commend the awardees of the 2023 Galing Pook Awards for their exceptional contributions to the betterment of our nation and the well-being of Filipino people.

*Adopted,*



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

