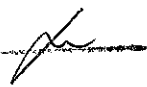


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**RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. BALDOMERO M. OLIVERA,  
HARVARD FOUNDATION 2007 SCIENTIST OF THE YEAR,  
IN RECOGNITION OF HIS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS  
IN THE FIELD OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH**

WHEREAS, Dr. Baldomero M. Olivera, Distinguished Professor of Biology at the University of Utah, has been named 2007 Scientist of the Year by the Harvard Foundation at Harvard University;

WHEREAS, Dr. Olivera graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, *summa cum laude*, from the University of the Philippines, and proceeded to do postgraduate work in biochemistry at the California Institute of Technology and Stanford University;

WHEREAS, Dr. Olivera's scientific research has led to a groundbreaking medical discovery—the existence of conotoxins and conopeptides in poisonous cone snails found in Philippine waters;

WHEREAS, the knowledge provided by Dr. Olivera's research on cone snails is now being used to develop drugs for pain management and for study on the functions of the body's nervous system;

WHEREAS, the international scientific community holds the greatest respect for Dr. Olivera for his outstanding work in neuropharmacology and biochemistry, as embodied in the 158 scientific research studies he has published;

WHEREAS, Dr. Olivera has generously shared his expertise with students, researchers and faculty members of various universities in the country and abroad, and has maintained a partnership and collaboration with the University of the Philippines Marine Science Institute for more than three decades;

WHEREAS, for his exemplary achievements, the University of the Philippines will confer upon Dr. Olivera the degree of doctor of science *honoris causa* during the UP Centennial celebrations;

WHEREAS, Dr. Olivera stands as an impeccable role model for all Filipinos, especially our youth, to emulate;

WHEREAS, we as the people's representatives must support the growth of a "scientific culture" in the country, and cultivate the youth's interest in the fields of science and technology, if the country is to increase its global competitiveness: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate, as it is hereby resolved,* To commend Dr. Baldomero M. Olivera, 2007 Harvard Foundation Scientist of the Year, for his outstanding achievements in scientific research and invaluable contribution to excellence in education, and for bringing pride and honor to all Filipinos.

Adopted,



**RICHARD J. GORDON**