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SENATE

Proposed Senate Resolution No. **928**

Introduced by Senator FRANCIS N. PANGILINAN

RESOLUTION

CONFERRING THE PHILIPPINE SENATE MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE TO 2021 RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARDEE ROBERTO "KA DODOY" BALLON

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 110 establishes the Philippine Senate Medal of Excellence to recognize, honor, and commend outstanding Filipinos for their exemplary service, exceptional achievements, and invaluable contributions to nation-building;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 110 provides that the Philippine Senate Medal of Excellence be conferred upon Filipinos who are recipients of the Ramon Magsaysay Award, Asia's premier prize and highest honor;

WHEREAS, on 31 August 2021, community leader Roberto "Ka Dodoy" Ballon was named one of five recipients of the 2021 Ramon Magsaysay Award, which recognizes "greatness of spirit shown through selfless service to the peoples of Asia";

WHEREAS, Ka Dodoy is a 53-year old fisherman from Zamboanga Sibugay who has led his community in preserving the coastal environment that has been the life-source of generations of fishing families. In the hopes of restoring the breeding ground of fish and improve their catch, he and other local fishers founded the Kapunungan sa Gagmay'ng Mangingisda sa Concepcion (KGMC) in 1986 to focus on mangrove reforestation. Their efforts have led to a dramatic increase in catch and improved quality of life for fishers, and a revived and healthy marine and terrestrial life;

WHEREAS, the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF) cited Ka Dodoy for "his inspiring determination in leading his fellow fisherfolk to revive a dying fishing industry by creating a sustainable marine environment for this generation and generations to come, and his shining example of how everyday acts of heroism can truly be extraordinary and transformative";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines to confer the Philippine Senate Medal of Excellence to Roberto "Ka Dodoy" Ballon.

Adopted,


FRANCIS N. PANGILINAN