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RESOLUTION No. 119

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING
THE 2018 *GAWAD SA PINAKATANGING
KOOPERATIBA (GAWAD PITAK)* OUTSTANDING
NON-AGRICULTURE-BASED COOPERATIVES
HONORED BY THE LAND BANK OF THE
PHILIPPINES ON 8 AUGUST 2018, AT THE
PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
CENTER IN PASAY CITY, PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, launched in 1990, the *Gawad sa Pinakatanging Kooperatiba* or *Gawad PITAK*, an annual search undertaken by the Land Bank of the Philippines (LANDBANK) that recognizes cooperatives which exemplified the tenets of cooperativism, is the country's longest-running and most prestigious award-giving body for cooperatives and is awarded to LANDBANK-assisted agriculture- and non-agriculture-based cooperatives that effect change in the lives of the Filipino;

WHEREAS, nominated cooperatives for *Gawad PITAK* Non-Agriculture-Based Cooperatives underwent a series of screening and evaluation and were trimmed down initially via table and field validation conducted by the Technical Working Group (TWG) composed of LANDBANK personnel and representatives from the Senate of the Philippines, House of Representatives, Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Department of Agriculture (DA), and the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA);

WHEREAS, after the initial screening, the Program Management Committee (PMC) deliberated on the assessment made by the TWG and endorsed the short-listed cooperatives to the Board of Judges (BOJ) for final judging by this year's panel headed by the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Cooperatives as chairperson, with Representative Rico B. Geron, the Chairman of the House Committee on Cooperatives Development as co-chairperson, Mr. Alex V. Buenaventura, President and CEO of the Land Bank of the Philippines as vice chairperson, and DA Secretary Manuel F. Piñol, DAR Secretary John R. Castriciones, and CDA Chairman Orlando R. Ravanera, as members;

WHEREAS, the Board of Judges selected five (5) winners for the non-agriculture-based category that will join the ranks of 211 other outstanding cooperatives awarded in the *Gawad PITAK*'s 28-year history;

WHEREAS, the Land Bank of the Philippines awards the *Gawad PITAK* to the most outstanding non-agriculture-based cooperatives, namely:

Pinakatanging Kooperatiba – Abra Diocesan Teachers and Employees Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Bangued, Abra

1st runner-up – Pinoy Lingap Damayan Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Virac, Catanduanes

2nd runner-up – Ibaan Market Vendors and Community Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Ibaan, Batangas


3rd runner-up – **Golden Group Gabay Puhunan Brotherhood Multi-Purpose Cooperative** of the City of San Fernando, Pampanga

4th runner-up – **Pateros Multi-Purpose Cooperative** of Pateros, Metro Manila


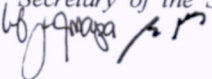
WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines proudly joins the Land Bank of the Philippines in acknowledging the vital role of cooperatives in the nation's social and economic progress by stimulating change and effecting development at the grassroots level through the 2018 *Gawad sa Pinakatanging Kooperatiba* or *Gawad PITAK*: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved, That the Senate of the Philippines congratulate and commend the 2018 Gawad sa Pinakatanging Kooperatiba (Gawad PITAK) Outstanding Non-Agriculture-Based Cooperatives honored by the Land Bank of the Philippines on 8 August 2018, at the Philippine International Convention Center in Pasay City, Philippines.

Adopted,


VICENTE C. SOTTO III
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 14, 2018.


MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA
Secretary of the Senate


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