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RESOLUTION No. 59

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING
THE 2017 GAWAD SA PINAKATANGING
KOOPERATIBA (GAWAD PITAK) OUTSTANDING
AGRICULTURE AND NON-AGRICULTURE-BASED
COOPERATIVES HONORED BY THE LANDBANK
OF THE PHILIPPINES ON 14 AUGUST 2017 AT
THE PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
CENTER IN PASAY CITY, PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the *Gawad sa Pinakatanging Kooperatiba* or
Gawad PITAK is an annual search undertaken by the Land
Bank of the Philippines (Land Bank) that recognizes
cooperatives which exemplified the social responsibility of being
agents of growth in the countryside;

WHEREAS, launched in 1990, the Gawad PITAK is the country's most prestigious award for cooperatives and is awarded to Land Bank-assisted agriculture and non-agriculture-based cooperatives in the country that serve as effective channels in providing support, financial or technical, to the economic endeavors of small farmers, fisher folk and other marginalized sectors in our society;

WHEREAS, contenders for Gawad PITAK Outstanding Agriculture and Non-Agriculture-Based Cooperatives underwent a series of evaluation and screening as nominated cooperatives were trimmed down initially *via* table and field validation conducted by the Technical Working Group (TWG) composed of Land Bank personnel and representatives from the Senate, 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 members: DA Secretary Manuel F. Piñol, DAR Secretary Rafael V. Mariano, and CDA Chairman Orlando R. Ravanera;

WHEREAS, the Board of Judges selected five (5) winners each for the agriculture and non-agriculture-based category and this year's winners will join the ranks of 197 other outstanding cooperatives awarded in its 27 years history;

WHEREAS, for the most outstanding agriculture-based cooperatives, the Land Bank of the Philippines awards the Gawad PITAK to the following:

1st – Bontoc Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Bontoc, Southern Leyte

2nd – Libacao Development Cooperative of Libacao, Aklan

3rd – Batangas Sugar Planters Cooperative Marketing Association of Balayan, Batangas

4th – Bantug Agricultural Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Talavera, Nueva Ecija

5th – Kooperatiba Naton Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Tigbauan, Iloilo

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

1st – Abra Diocesan Teachers and Employees Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Bangued, Abra

2nd – Pinoy Lingap Damayan Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Virac, Catanduanes

3rd – Watchlife Workers Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Mariveles, Bataan

4th – Providers Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Naguilian, Isabela

5th – Golden Group Gabay Puhunan Brotherhood Multi-Purpose Cooperative of the City of San Fernando, Pampanga


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 development at the grassroots level through the 2017 *Gawad sa Pinakatanging Kooperatiba* or Gawad PITAK: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved, That the Senate of the Philippines congratulates and commends the 2017 *Gawad sa Pinakatanging Kooperatiba* (Gawad PITAK) Outstanding Agriculture and Non-Agriculture-Based Cooperatives honored by the Land Bank of the Philippines on 14 August 2017 at the Philippine International Convention Center in Pasay City, Philippines.

Adopted,


AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 15, 2017.


LUTGARDO B. BARBO
Secretary of the Senate

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