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RESOLUTION No. 56

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING
THE AWARDEES OF THE 20TH TEN
ACCOMPLISHED YOUTH ORGANIZATION (TAYO)
AWARDS FOR THEIR INVALUABLE
CONTRIBUTIONS TO NATION-BUILDING

WHEREAS, the Constitution recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and mandates that the State shall: promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being; inculcate in them patriotism and nationalism; and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs;

WHEREAS, the Ten Accomplished Youth Organizations (TAYO) Awards was initiated in 2002 by Senator Francis

“Kiko” Pangilinan after having observed that there were no recognitions for youth organizations. The initial search was conducted under National Youth Commission (NYC) Chairperson Mabel Mamba and former NYC Commissioner Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV;

WHEREAS, since its establishment, the TAYO Awards Foundation, together with its partner organizations, has been on the mission of finding, recognizing, and celebrating the efforts of youth organizations and their contributions to nation-building;

WHEREAS, over its 20 years of existence, the TAYO Awards have recognized 380 youth organizations which have contributed to nation-building, specifically in the areas of: (a) Culture, Arts and Heritage; (b) Education and Technology; (c) Environment, Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation; (d) Health, Well-Being and Human Development; and (e) Livelihood and Entrepreneurship;

WHEREAS, the following youth organizations have been selected as the recipients of the 2022 TAYO Awards: (a) Albay Young Farmers Organization; (b) the BAKA; (c) Iligan Safe Space; (d) Leaders’ Council; (e) Open Arms Organization; (f) PINTAKASI; (g) Project TALA Organization; (h) Sangguniang Kabataan ng Barangay Talomo River (Davao del Sur); (i) Shafaat Agriculture Cooperative and its Mushroom for Change project; and (j) Youth Empowering Youth Initiative, Inc.;

WHEREAS, the Albay Young Farmers Organization is a youth organization from Bicol Region, which intends to encourage the active participation of their community, especially the youth, in farming technology through the introduction of Edible Landscaping, an innovative approach to organic farming;

WHEREAS, the BAKA is a youth organization from Cagayan De Oro, Misamis Oriental, composed of 15 members from the Oro Youth, City Agriculture, and private individuals. They launched a year-long program known as Agricultural Leadership Incubation program that aims to capacitate the Kagay-anon Youth on the whole value-chain approach through

workshops and activities such as Servant Leadership, Agro-Fishery Inputs, Business Planning, Marketing, Communications, and the showcasing of Agricultural Produce;

WHEREAS, Iligan Safe Space is a community that celebrates and embraces diversity in Mindanao. Through their Safe Space Session project, they aim to create a non-hostile environment and a safe space for LGBTQIA+ youths of different cultures and backgrounds in Iligan City and strive to nurture and empower the well-being and mental health of LGBTQIA+ youths through empathic listening, group dialogue, and facilitated "empowerment validations";

WHEREAS, Leaders' Council, is a Scouting Officers organization of Sacred Heart School - Ateneo de Cebu whose "Love to Learn: Learn to Earn" community program, aspires to help with the holistic reformation and development of children in conflict with the law. Through this project, they hope that children will no longer be tempted to do wrong and commit crimes again;

WHEREAS, Open Arms Organization, is a SEC-registered non-profit organization initiated by a group of friends in Batangas City which seeks to create a platform to help people in the marginalized sectors, one child or family at a time, as a contribution in making a society where everyone is included, heard, and loved. Through their flagship projects. Embrace A Child Program, they aim to empower families through accessible rehabilitation services and social programs;

WHEREAS, PINTAKASI, is a youth-led, non-profit, multi-arts organization based in Alabat Island, Quezon Province. It serves as a home to local artists from all walks of life, transcending the spectrum of genders. Their Buwan ng Sining or Arts Month is dedicated to artists of the island, allowing them to express their artistry freely;

WHEREAS, Project TALA Organization is a group of young volunteers from Isabela province who utilizes theater as an artistic medium to bring awareness and advocate for acceptance and understanding of those who struggle with HIV and AIDS. Project Teatro is one of their initiatives that uses

theatre arts as the main platform for raising awareness on HIV and AIDS, striving to create a well-informed, accepting, and HIV-free Metro Poblacion A, Santiago City in the Province of Isabela;

WHEREAS, Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) ng Barangay Talomo River is one of the 182 SKs in the City of Davao. Their Project Descartes is a free, comprehensive online enrichment program offered to interested senior high school and freshmen college students of the City of Davao that covers five pre-calculus subjects and contributes to localizing the Sustainable Development Goals No. 4 (Quality Education) and No. 17 (Partnerships for the Goals);

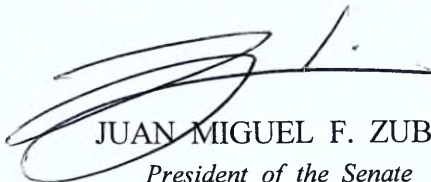
WHEREAS, Shafaat Agriculture Cooperative - Mushroom for Change is an organization that originated from the social enterprise project Mushroom for Change that aims to achieve poverty reduction among low-income farmers in Lanao province through mushroom production. They seek to create an alternative source of income for farmers, women internally displaced persons (IDPs) from Marawi, and out of school youths while ensuring environmental and health protection, gender inclusivity, and a proactive youth population in the Municipality of Ditsa-an Ramain, Lanao del Sur;

WHEREAS, Youth Empowering Youth Initiative, Inc., is a youth-led organization in Bacolod City which facilitates active citizenship through youth-led initiatives in education, environment, culture, and the arts. YEY Initiative Inc. manages the social enterprise Sagup Negros whose focus is on food waste mitigation. Specifically, Sagup Negros seeks to create a model for carinderias and market vendors to lessen food waste generation, raise awareness about food waste and responsible consumption, minimize food waste generated by local vendors, and increase local vendors' average monthly income;

WHEREAS, these outstanding youth organizations, through their various programs, are paving the way in finding solutions to important issues of food security, poverty alleviation, and education gaps and are promoting inclusivity and awareness on health and social issues at the grassroots level: Now, therefore, be it

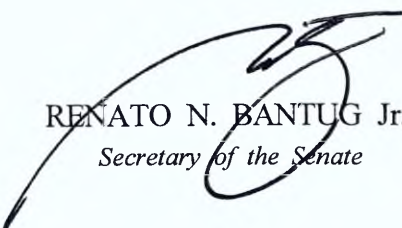
Resolved by the Philippine Senate, To congratulate and commend the awardees of the 20th Ten Accomplished Youth Organizations Awards in recognition of their invaluable contribution to nation-building.

Adopted,



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 21, 2023.



RENATO N. BANTUG Jr.
Secretary of the Senate