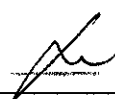


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RESOLUTION

COMMENDING DR. BALDOMERO OLIVERA FOR BEING THE FIRST FILIPINO MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IN RECOGNITION OF HIS DISTINGUISHED AND CONTINUING ACHIEVEMENTS IN ORIGINAL RESEARCH IN THE FIELD OF BIOCHEMISTRY AND NEUROBIOLOGY

WHEREAS, the *Manila Bulletin* in its 10 May 2009 issue reported that Dr. Baldomero Olivera was elected as the first Filipino member of the United States National Academy of Sciences (NAS), a private organization of scientists and engineers dedicated to the furtherance of science and its use for the general welfare;

WHEREAS, it was reported that the NAS elected its new members in recognition of their distinguished and continuing achievements in original research;

WHEREAS, Olivera, a distinguished professor of biology at the University of Utah, earned the honor via a breakthrough discovery of toxins from marine snails collected in the Philippines that are now widely used in modern neuroscience research as a potent pain neutralizer;

WHEREAS, Olivera previously received the Philippine Legion of Honor Presidential Award in January 2008, and the 2007 Harvard Scientist of the Year from Harvard University in recognition of his significant contributions and achievements in the field of marine science;

WHEREAS, Olivera is also a member of the Philippine National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST), graduated summa cum laude in 1960 after taking BS Chemistry in the University of the Philippines, and finished his doctorate in Chemistry from the California Institute of Technology in 1966;

WHEREAS, the national government should take a cue from the international recognition given to Olivera to step up its efforts in the development of science education and research in the country;

WHEREAS, Olivera should be considered a paragon of excellence in the field of science for our local scientists and science students, and be commended as an exemplar for his contributions beneficial to mankind;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved in the Philippine Senate to commend Dr. Baldomero Olivera for being the first Filipino member of the United States National Academy of Sciences in recognition of his distinguished and continuing achievements in original research in the field of biochemistry and neurobiology.

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO