

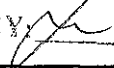
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Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE ALTERNATIVE INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC. (AIDFI) FOR BEING ONE OF THE SIX 2011 RAMON MAGSAYSAY FOUNDATION AWARDEES FOR THEIR GREEN TECHNOLOGIES THAT EMPOWER RURAL COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2011, AIDFI won the 2011 Ramon Magsaysay Foundation Award, a prestigious honor that awards people and organizations, who address issues of human development in Asia with courage and creativity, and in doing so have made contributions which have transformed societies for the better;

WHEREAS, by designing, constructing, and promoting zero-emission, environmentally-friendly technology for impoverished communities, AIDFI contributes to the development of rural communities in the Philippines and abroad by solving local needs and augmenting income of low income families;

WHEREAS, with the technology of the ram pump, AIDFI provided access to clean and cheap water for use in households, livestock, aquaculture, and small-scale agriculture, in 184 upland communities in Negros Occidental, other mountainous regions in the Philippines, and internationally in Cambodia, Afghanistan, and Nepal, among other countries;

WHEREAS, AIDFI also spearheads projects that provide a steady income and improve the livelihoods of the Filipino people with projects like a lemongrass oil distillery and the development other locally-adapted technologies like biogas production, pumps, and windmills;

WHEREAS, AIDFI advocates community participation and sustainable development with their technologies that are owned, managed, and maintained by the local people themselves;

WHEREAS, AIDFI has been internationally recognized for its excellence, having received the BBC World Challenge 2010 Award for its Hydraulic Ram Pump Program in the Philippines, which has provided poor villagers living in mountainous regions with clean drinking water;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate commends the Alternative Indigenous Development Foundation Inc. (AIDFI), for being one of the six 2011 Ramon Magsaysay Foundation Awardees for their green technologies that empower rural communities.

Adopted,



LOREN LEGARDA
Senator