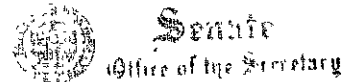



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RESOLUTION  
COMMENDING THE ALTERNATIVE INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION,  
INC. (AIDFI) FOR BEING AWARDED THE 2011 RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARD FOR  
THEIR TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS AND PARTNERSHIP PRACTICES IN  
IMPROVING THE LIVES OF THE RURAL POOR IN UPLAND PHILIPPINE  
COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, according to the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation, reputedly Asia's equivalent of the Nobel Peace Prize, building technology to serve the poor is a major challenge in the world today and technology's benefits must be brought to people since this is essential in promoting development, addressing poverty, and empowering communities;

WHEREAS, the Alternative Indigenous Development Foundation, Inc. (AIDFI) is a social enterprise that has been, for the past 15 years, addressing the problem of rural poverty by designing, fabricating, and promoting environment-friendly technology which is accessible and income augmenting for the poor;

WHEREAS, AIDFI redesigned an ancient and largely abandoned technology called the ram pump which uses the natural kinetic energy of flowing water from rivers or springs to push water uphill without the use of gas or electricity;

WHEREAS, partnering with organizations and local governments, AIDFI does not only introduce machinery, but also a whole social package that includes community consultation, training of village technicians, transfer of ownership of the water system to the community, and the organization of local water associations to manage the water generation and distribution system;

WHEREAS, in introducing the ram pump system to upland communities that do not have easy access to water, AIDFI technicians are able to provide clean, cheap water for household use, livestock raising, aquaculture, and small-scale agriculture.

WHEREAS, AIDFI has also brought the ram pump technology to help waterless upland communities in other countries; it is now carrying out complete ram pump technology transfer in Afghanistan, Colombia, and Nepal;

WHEREAS, AIDFI continues to innovate technology for the poor and to promote grassroots enterprise, AIDFI has placed the premium on small-scale, accessible, low-maintenance technology that is customized for local needs, energy-efficient, environmentally sound, and one owned and managed by the people themselves;

WHEREAS, in recognizing AIDFI's innovative social enterprise, the Ramon Magsaysay Foundation affirms its vision to honor organizations as exemplars of selfless leadership by addressing issues of human development across boundaries of culture, politics, and religion with courage and creativity;

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WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate to commend the Alternative Indigenous Development Foundation, Inc. (AIDFI) for being awarded the 2011 Ramon Magsaysay Award for their technological innovations and partnership practices in improving the lives of the rural poor in upland Philippine communities.

Adopted,

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MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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