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RESOLUTION
HONORING AND COMMENDING
THE OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN (TOYM) OF 2014

WHEREAS, the search for The Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) implemented since 1959, is an annual project of JCI Philippines, the Gerry Roxas Foundation and the TOYM Foundation, arising from the conviction of both these organization to honor leadership and exemplary innovation among the youth to address national development. Over the years, the TOYM has become the country's single most prestigious and most respected civic award, with many recipients going on to grace this august chamber, the Senate of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the TOYM award is conferred annually on Filipino citizens below the age of 40 who have shown outstanding leadership, excellence in his or her field of endeavor and outstanding contributions to the nation and to humanity;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate proudly joins JCI Philippines, the Gerry Roxas Foundation and the TOYM Foundation in honoring and commending the six men and women who have been chosen as exemplars of our youth and the future of our country;

WHEREAS, Mayor Marlyn Alonte-Naguiat of Biñan, Laguna and Mayor Vicente "Duke" Frasco of Liloan, Cebu, 2014 TOYM awardees for public service, have displayed exemplary leadership and had great impact on the lives and well-being of their constituents; Mayor Len during her terms as city councilor, vice-mayor and three terms as mayor and Mayor Duke during his three terms as mayor. Biñan became a full city and Liloan became a first class municipality during their watches. Biñan saved PHP400 million by the time it became a city, while Liloan's revenue has grown 400% since Duke was elected. Biñan and Liloan have since received numerous awards for governance, for cleanliness and for healthcare, and *Kababaihan Unlad Biñan*, the women's group Len founded, now has 12,000 members. The improved governance of Biñan and Liloan allowed them to mount their own aid campaigns after Typhoon "Yolanda" and send support to hard hit municipalities, and Mayor Duke was personally in Tacloban City after the disaster. Finally, and closest to their hearts, Biñan and Liloan's respective scholarship programs have grown from dozens to thousands of beneficiaries, expanding as the local government's finances improve. They are beloved in their home provinces, with the *Sunstar's* headline simply reading "Duke wins TOYM" as though there were only one Duke in Cebu.

WHEREAS, Dr. Jessie Pascual Bitog, 2014 TOYM awardee for agricultural engineering and Department Chairman of Agricultural Engineering of the Nueva Vizcaya State University, has shown exemplary leadership in the field of agricultural research both locally and abroad, and has been a constant source of inspiration to both our aspiring scientists and our aspiring provincial educators. Dr. Jessie has received the Outstanding Young Scientist Award and the Outstanding Agricultural Engineer Award. He has 23 publications in prestigious international, peer-reviewed journals. As if these achievements were not impressive enough, he successfully hurdled great personal challenges, rising from a very humble background such, as an

elementary school student, he would sell *pandesal* before and *balut* after classes to support himself.

WHEREAS, Maria Doris Dumlao, 2014 TOYM awardee for journalism and senior business reporter of the *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, has shown excellence in thought leadership when presenting business and finance news in a way that makes it accessible to the investing public and to the employees of large, publicly-listed corporations. Doris was a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum and has 20 journalism awards, including the Jaime V. Ongpin Investigative Journalism Award. She is one of the Philippines' 20 most influential women based on 2010 Google search data, and the second most influential woman not in showbiz, after Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago (also a TOYM awardee). Doris was even named one of 10 Women of Style and Substance by an international fashion channel. Doris is the daughter of two public school teachers, was a *cum laude* Political Science graduate of the University of the Philippines and has been a reporter since 1997.

WHEREAS, Prof. Oscar Franklin Tan, 2014 TOYM awardee for law, columnist of the *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, constitutional law professor of the University of the East and securities law professor of the San Beda Graduate School of Law, has shown excellence in thought leadership when empowering the public to discuss key legal issues all the way to the proposed Bangsamoro Basic Law. Oscar has written over a hundred opinion columns and 19 academic articles in the *Philippine Law Journal*, which have been formally cited in or are credited with influencing Supreme Court decisions. He co-chairs the Constitutional Law Committee of the Philippine Bar Association and is one of few international securities lawyers in the country who has led billion dollar cross-border financial transactions. Oscar graduated from Harvard Law School, where he delivered the graduation speech for his class; from the UP College of Law, where he chaired the *Philippine Law Journal* and set UP's record for legal writing awards, and from the Ateneo de Manila, where he double-majored in Management Engineering and Economics (Honors), its two most difficult programs.

WHEREAS, Dr. John Mark Velasco, 2014 TOYM awardee for medical science and public health and co-founder and Deputy Head of the Armed Forces Virology Research Unit has shown great innovation in his interagency, interdisciplinary "One Health" approach to the management of epidemics and highly infectious diseases. Dr. JM's research deals with diseases from bird flu to resistant strains of tuberculosis. He has presented his research at many international conferences and coordinates with international centers such as the World Health Organization and Johns Hopkins. The implementation of his ideas has involved capacity building among the departments of health, agriculture and defense, plus international agencies and the academe, and he has been proud to translate research into concrete impact and practical solutions and, additionally, to specifically benefit ordinary soldiers. Outside his research, Dr. JM does community and volunteer work, such as serving as a Eucharistic minister in his parish in Malate.

WHEREAS, the awardees were chosen after a rigorous selection process by the 2014 TOYM judging (*Philippine Daily Inquirer* chair Marixi Prieto, *Philippine Star* chair Miguel Belmonte, former Press Secretary Jesus Dureza, San Beda College President Fr. Aloysius Maranan, energy executive Manuel Orig, Rep. Romero Quimbo, 2006 TOYM awardee for government service, and Rep. Paulino Salvador Leachon, 2011 TOYM awardee for community development) and screening panels (Rep. Leachon; Emerson Atanacio, 2013 TOYM awardee for social entrepreneurship; Francisco Enrique Jay Bernardo III, 2003 awardee for entrepreneurship; Raul Destura, 2011 awardee for medical science and biotechnology; Alonzo Gabriel, 2013 awardee for food science technology; Harvey Keh, 2010 awardee for public education and good governance; and Christopher John Alandy Tiu, 2013 awardee for youth leadership and development);

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Philippine Senate to honor and commend the 2014 TOYM awardees, namely:

1. Mayor Marlyn Alonte-Naguiat for government and public service;

2. Dr. Jessie Pascual Bitog, for agricultural engineering
3. Maria Doris Dumlao, for journalism
4. Mayor Vicente "Duke" Frasco for public service;
5. Prof. Oscar Franklin Tan for law; and
6. Dr. John Mark Velasco for medical science and public health.

for their outstanding leadership, excellence in their respective fields of endeavor and outstanding contributions to the nation and to humanity, and to encourage them to continue to serve as living symbols of inspiration for our youth, embodiments of our country's most deeply-held values and examples of the very best the Filipino can be.

Adopted,



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