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Introduced by SENATOR LOREN LEGARDA

**RESOLUTION**

**HONORING AND COMMENDING THE 2016 SCIENCE AWARDEES OF THE PHILIPPINE ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PHILAAST)**

**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 17 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall give priority to science and technology to foster patriotism and promote development;

**WHEREAS**, the State recognizes that Science and Technology has an essential role in national progress, and it has the duty to give priority to research and development, invention and innovation;

**WHEREAS**, the State continues to envision that Science and Technology will contribute significantly to the enhancement of national productivity and competitiveness;

**WHEREAS**, giving recognition and acknowledgement to individuals who advocate and endeavor to contribute in the development of Science and Technology is in accordance with the State's constitutional mandate to encourage the widest participation of private groups in the generation and utilization of Science and Technology;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Association for the Advancement of Science and Technology (PHILAAST) is a non-profit national organization composed of scientists and technologists that aims to promote and broaden the base of scientific advancement in the Philippines through research that centers on promoting the value of science in the community;

**WHEREAS**, PHILAAST regularly recognizes notable contributions and accomplishments in the field of Science and Technology;

**WHEREAS**, for year 2016, PHILAAST has cited five (5) individuals as Science Awardees, who are recognized for their work, studies and research in Science and Technology, namely:

1. **DR. MARIBEL G. NONATO**, Gregorio Y. Zara Award for Basic Science Research, for her study on the phytochemistry and biological activities of the Philippine-grown species of the pandan plant.

2. **DR. RIZALINDA L. DE LEON**, Gregorio Y. Zara Award for Applied Science Research, for her innovative research on energy fuels and thermal systems.
3. **DR. ANTONIO C. LAURENA**, LEADS Agri Awardee, for his work on improving economically important crops and for his pioneering study on genetically modified organisms (GMO), including the development of delayed ripening papaya, one of "Pinoy GMOs" being developed by the Institute of Plant Breeding at the University of the Philippines Los Baños.
4. **DR. ENRICO C. PARINGIT**, David M. Consunji Awardee, for his two (2) decades of research and development work in utilizing spatial technologies in various application such as resource management, environmental monitoring and hazard assessment.
5. **DR. ANTONIO MIGUEL L. DANS**, Dr. Paulo C. Campos Awardee, for establishing the foundations of evidence-based medicine that has helped improved the practice of medicine and delivery of quality healthcare.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Senate of the Philippines honor and commend the awardees of the 2016 Science Awardees of Philippine Association for the Advancement of Science and Technology (PHILAAST).

Adopted,

  
**LOREN LEGARDA**  
Senator