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Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE NAGKAKAISANG MAGSASAKA AGRICULTURAL PRIMARY MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE OF TALAVERA, NUEVA ECIJA FOR BEING AWARDED THE 2017 GININTUANG GAWAD PITAK BY THE LANDBANK OF THE PHILIPPINES DURING THE GAWAD SA PINAKATANGING KOOPERATIBA (GAWAD PITAK) AWARDING CEREMONY ON 14 AUGUST 2017 AT THE PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTER IN PASAY CITY, PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the *Gawad sa Pinakatanging Kooperatiba* or Gawad PITAK is an annual search undertaken by the Land Bank of the Philippines (Land Bank) that recognizes cooperatives which exemplified the social responsibility of being agents of growth in the countryside;

WHEREAS, launched in 1990, the Gawad PITAK is the country's most prestigious award for cooperatives and is awarded to Land Bank-assisted cooperatives in the country that serve as effective channels in providing support, financial or technical, to the economic endeavors of small farmers, fisher folk and other marginalized sectors in our society;

WHEREAS, a recognition contended by previous Gawad PITAK Hall of Fame conferees (past Gawad PITAK Outstanding Cooperatives winners), the Ginintuang Gawad PITAK was introduced in 1999 among former Hall of Fame winners to encourage continuing exemplary performance and lasting commitment for being partners to the economic growth and sustainable development of the countryside;

WHEREAS, nominated cooperatives for the Ginintuang Gawad PITAK were evaluated via table and field validation conducted by the Technical Working Group (TWG) composed of Land Bank personnel and representatives from the Senate, House of Representatives, Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Department of Agriculture (DA), and the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA);

WHEREAS, after the evaluation, the Program Management Committee (PMC) deliberated on the assessment made by the TWG and endorsed shortlisted cooperatives to the Board of Judges (BOJ) for confirmation by this year's panel headed by the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Cooperatives as Chairperson, with Representative Rico B. Geron, the Chairman of the House Committee on Cooperatives Development as Co-Chairperson, Mr. Alex V. Buenaventura, President and CEO of the Land Bank of the Philippines as Vice

Chairperson, and members – DA Secretary Manuel F. Piñol, DAR Secretary Rafael V. Mariano, and CDA Chairman Orlando R. Ravanera;

WHEREAS, this year's Ginintuang Gawad PITAK awardees will join the ranks of 24 other exceptional cooperatives awarded during the prize's 27 years history and Land Bank is awarding such distinction to Nagkakaisang Magsasaka Agricultural Primary Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Talavera, Nueva Ecija whose exemplary service to its 1,400 members, and its initiatives that benefit and aid people and communities in the sector prove that it is truly worthy of the honor this accolade brings;

WHEREAS, a staunch advocate of science-based rice production, the Nagkakaisang Magsasaka Agricultural Primary Multi-Purpose Cooperative has been in service to the cooperative sector since 1989, serving four (4) cities, 19 municipalities, and 79 barangays from Nueva Ecija, and has been an agent in revolutionizing the agricultural landscape of the country through its utilization of modern farming mechanization, active involvement in the government's rice production programs and by being a pioneer cooperative in the implementation of the Department of Agrarian Reform's Food Supply Chain Program;

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines proudly joins the Land Bank of the Philippines in acknowledging the vital role of cooperatives in the nation's social and economic progress by stimulating development at the grassroots level through the 2017 *Gawad sa Pinakatanging Kooperatiba* or Gawad PITAK;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines congratulate and commend the Nagkakaisang Magsasaka Agricultural Primary Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Talavera, Nueva Ecija for being awarded the 2017 Ginintuang Gawad PITAK by the Landbank of the Philippines during the *Gawad sa Pinakatanging Kooperatiba* (Gawad PITAK) awarding ceremony on 14 August 2017 at the Philippine International Convention Center in Pasay City, Philippines.

Adopted,



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI