

SENATE

'18 AUG -9 AIO :27

P.S. Res. No. 832

RECEIVED BY 

Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING BONTOC MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE OF BONTOC SOUTHERN LEYTE FOR BEING CONFERRED THE 2018 *GAWAD SA PINAKATANGING KOOPERATIBA* (GAWAD PITAK) HALL OF FAME AWARD BY THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES DURING THE *GAWAD SA PINAKATANGING KOOPERATIBA* (GAWAD PITAK) AWARDING CEREMONY ON 8 AUGUST 2018 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 (LANDBANK) that recognizes cooperatives which exemplified the tenets of cooperativism;

WHEREAS, launched in 1990, the Gawad PITAK is the country's longest-running and most prestigious award-giving body for cooperatives and is awarded to LANDBANK-assisted agriculture- and non-agriculture-based cooperatives that effect change in the lives of the Filipino;

WHEREAS, a recognition first introduced in 1996, cooperatives that have already earned a Gawad PITAK Outstanding Agriculture and Non-Agriculture-Based Cooperatives grand prize and at least a second or third prize are automatically elevated to the Gawad PITAK Hall of Fame status, provided that they have met the minimum qualification requirements for this award;

WHEREAS, eligible cooperatives for the Gawad PITAK Hall of Fame were evaluated via table validation conducted by the Technical Working Group (TWG) composed of LANDBANK 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 eligible 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 John R. Castriciones, and CDA Chairman Orlando R. Ravanera;