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## Introduced by Senator Ramon Bong Revilla, Jr.

## RESOLUTION

## CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MS. LOUISE MABULO FOR BEING AWARDED AS ONE OF THE UNITED NATIONS YOUNG CHAMPION OF THE EARTH 2019

WHEREAS, Ms. Louise Emmanuelle D.G. Mabulo is a 20-year old award-winning chef, entrepreneur, farmer, public speaker, and competitive archer hailing from San Fernando, Camarines Sur;

WHEREAS, at her tender age, Louise has initiated various enterprises such as The Culinary Lounge, The Camarines Food and Tourism Society, and The Cacao Project;

WHEREAS, Louise has exhibited her exceptional talent and skills in various national and international competitions and earning, among others, Junior MasterChef: Pinoy Edition Finalist in 2011, Best Dessert in Asia Award at the Disciples des Escoffier Young Talent Trophy in Hong Kong Food in 2015, Bronze Medal for the Creative Breakfast Challenge at the Philippine Culinary Cup in 2015, lifetime Fellowship from the Resolution Project for The Cacao Project in 2017 Winter Youth Assembly of the United Nations, and the Outstanding Young Farmer of the Philippines by the JCI International in 2018;

WHEREAS, this purpose-driven and intrinsically-motivated young lady shared her hand in various organizations by serving, among others, as a Youth Ambassador in the United Nations Youth Assembly in 2018 where she was recognized as the Outstanding Youth Ambassador at the  $21^{\rm st}$  Session of the United Nations Youth

Assembly, as a Philippine delegate to The Asian Student Leadership Conference, as an Ambassador of Operation Smiles Philippines, Breville Philippines, and the Department of Tourism's Flavours of the Philippines; and as a mentor to the delegates from over-116 countries for the Youth Assembly at Farleigh Dickinson University and New York University;

WHEREAS, her unyielding quest to serve her community were proven after her town was struck by typhoon in 2016 which left the environment devastated and the people hungry and helpless;

WHEREAS, to help the people rise again and be resilient, this young lady established The Cacao Project which "aims to combat deforestation by reviving barren lands through tree planning, creating economic forests and nurseries, promoting fair trade and reforestation, while empowering farmers with higher incomes";

WHEREAS, The Cacao Project is "an initiative which provides participating farmers of San Fernando with cacao seedlings (a long-term, resilient crop which provides them with a considerable income after three years and will be productive for up to 20-25 years), and short term crops such as bok choy, okra, and pumpkins, to intercrop with the cacao. Farmers will be paid a fair wage and be better positioned for sustainable success"<sup>1</sup>;

WHEREAS, The Cacao Project helps revive the environment and empower the people, especially the farmers by planting more than 700,000 trees across 70 hectares of land and training over 200 farmers in agroforestry techniques;

WHEREAS, Louise also founded the Culinary Lounge – a laid-back farm-to-table kitchen studio. From bankers to farmers, the studio brings together people from all walks of life to enjoy food produced by the project, find out about where and how it is grown, and celebrate the work of farmers<sup>2</sup>;

WHEREAS, because of this commendable endeavour, Louise was awarded as one of the Young Champions of the Earth 2019;

WHEREAS, initiated in 2017, Young Champions of the Earth, "a forward-looking prize designed to breathe life into the ambitions of brilliant young

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.thereallouisemabulo.com/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www.unenvironment.org/youngchampions/news/story/top-young-chef-future-proofing-philippines

environmentalists" is awarded annually to seven (7) entrepreneurs between the age
of 18 and 30 who has outstanding ideas for environmental protection and change;
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WHEREAS, this prestigious award is not only an honor for Louise and our country but more importantly, an embodiment of the Filipino people's creativity, ingenuity, and innovativeness in turning challenges into triumphs and finding solutions amidst seemingly hopeless situations;

WHEREAS, having a Filipino as one the Young Champions of the Earth enlightens our hope that a new breed of environmental warriors will nurture our planet to make it more resilient and sustainable;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, To congratulate and commend Ms. Louise Mabulo for being awarded as one of the United Nations Young Champion of the Earth 2019.

Adopted,

RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.
Senator