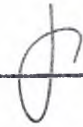


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**RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE  
RECIPIENTS OF THE OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN (TOYM) OF THE  
PHILIPPINES 2021 AWARDS FOR THEIR SIGNIFICANT  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO PHILIPPINE SOCIETY**

1           **WHEREAS**, the Senate of the Philippines, over the years, recognizes  
2 and pays tribute to remarkable men and women of competence and deeds who  
3 symbolize the character of a true Filipino;

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5           **WHEREAS**, The Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) of the Philippines  
6 Awards seek to recognize the outstanding achievement of young Filipino men  
7 and women between the ages of 18 and 40 years old, whose selfless dedication,  
8 passion and integrity to their respective profession and fields of endeavor made  
9 positive and significant contributions to the betterment of Philippine society and  
10 resulted to advancements in their respective fields;

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12           **WHEREAS**, the TOYM Awards strives to inspire others, especially young  
13 active citizens, by recognizing the contribution of young men and women who  
14 demonstrated vigor and enterprise in addressing societal problems through  
15 sustainable solutions;

1           **WHEREAS**, the TOYM Awards which was established in 1959 is an  
2 annual project organized by the Junior Chamber International (JCI) Philippines,  
3 together with the TOYM Foundation, Inc. and the Gerry Roxas Foundation, Inc.;

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5           **WHEREAS**, the two-step selection process for TOYM has been known  
6 to be rigorous and has developed a reputation for its selectiveness of  
7 outstanding young men and women upon whom the award is conferred.  
8 Nominees of TOYM must pass through a screening committee and a Board of  
9 Judges composed of distinguished persons, and are judged for their  
10 outstanding leadership and excellence in their fields of endeavor, their  
11 contributions to the cause of humanity, and their sustained efforts and  
12 advocacies for the betterment of Philippine society;

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14           **WHEREAS**, with the theme "Everyday Leaders Enabling Extraordinary  
15 Impact," the 2021 TOYM Awards recognized ten (10) outstanding everyday  
16 leaders whose selfless dedication to their everyday professions and fields of  
17 endeavor have contributed significantly to the growth and betterment of their  
18 local community and of Filipino society, as a whole, and for inspiring others to  
19 work beyond the call of duty, and for willingly taking the extra mile of selfless  
20 service to others, especially amidst the challenges brought about by the COVID-  
21 19 pandemic;

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23           **WHEREAS**, out of hundreds of nominations received by the screening  
24 committee, the following individuals were selected as the 2021 TOYM  
25 Awardees:

- 26           1. Ariestelo A. Asilo (Social Entrepreneurship) - coffee entrepreneur who  
27 co-organized the non-governmental organization Rise Against Hunger.  
28 He also won a grant in 2021 for his coffee research, which uses Internet  
29 of Things technology benefitting 400 coffee farmers in Cavite and Davao.  
30 He is also the COO and co-founder of Varacco Inc., which won as one of  
31 the *50 United Nations' Best Small Business: Good Food for All*, a  
32 recognition given at the United Nations Foods Systems Summit 2021;

- 1       2. Iloisa Romaraog-Diga (Agricultural Entrepreneurship) - the mind behind  
2       the app Session Groceries, which connects local farmers and consumers  
3       to support local agribusiness, promote a sustainable lifestyle, and  
4       educate the local community on the benefits of eating fresh, locally  
5       grown food. Session Groceries also developed a farmers' academy,  
6       which allows sharing of knowledge and experiences to aid the farmers  
7       in meeting quality standards and ensure continued community support;
- 8       3. Eleazar Abraham "Abe" L. Orobia (Education) - head facilitator of Art  
9       Workshops for Indigenous People Elementary teachers. He focused on  
10      artistic research during the pandemic to determine society's conduct  
11      towards art and culture in times of crisis and adapted an alternative  
12      teaching modality by documenting his art via videos and teaching that  
13      what is happening at home can still have impact on our art and culture  
14      consumption;
- 15      4. Anna R. Oposa (Environment Marine Conservation) – a marine  
16      conservationist and co-founder and Executive Director of Save Philippine  
17      Seas, a movement to mobilize citizens for collective action and behavior  
18      change towards marine conservation. She founded the Sea and Earth  
19      Advocates or SEA Camp in 2015, which has trained over 200 youth  
20      leaders in the Philippines and Southeast Asia to become leaders in  
21      conservation. She has helped operationalize the country's first shark and  
22      ray sanctuary in Cebu through empowerment and education programs;
- 23      5. Jayeel S. Cornelio (Education and Sociology) - Associate Professor and  
24      the Director of the Development Studies Program at the Ateneo de  
25      Manila University. Mr. Cornelio, a recipient of two national awards for his  
26      scholarship and extensive body of work on religion and social change,  
27      has also been the editor of "*Rethinking Filipino Millennials: Alternative*  
28      *Perspectives on a Misunderstood Generation*" in 2020 and the lead editor  
29      of the "Routledge International Handbook of Religion in Global Society"  
30      in 2021;
- 31      6. Maria Yzabell Angel V. Palma (Science and Technology) - inventor of the  
32      AirDisc Cooling Technologies, which is anticipated to play a pivotal role

1 amid the climate crisis by making these technologies available to  
2 everyone;

3 7. Dr. Jaime Alfonso M. Ahererra (Medicine and Cardiology) –  
4 Interventional Cardiologist. His research has been used to develop  
5 pathways for COVID-19 management at the Philippine General Hospital.  
6 He is also known for his work on ST-elevation myocardial infarction  
7 (STEMI), which is focused on the timely management of heart attacks  
8 and its correlation with adverse outcomes at the Philippine General  
9 Hospital;

10 8. Lou Sabrina S. Ongkiko (Education) – Master Teacher 1 at the Culiati  
11 Elementary School in Tandang Sora, Quezon City. She led the planning  
12 and implementation of her school’s learning continuity program for  
13 distance learning during the pandemic and helped ensure its stability  
14 through the conduct of Facebook Messenger classes, strengthening  
15 learner mapping and community support;

16 9. Jaemark S. Tordecilla (Digital Journalism) - the head of digital media for  
17 GMA News and Public Affairs. He spearheaded the development of Cover  
18 Stories, an award-winning multimedia storytelling platform, as well as  
19 the network’s Digital Video Laboratory, which has developed and  
20 launched a portfolio of original digital newscasts, documentary shows,  
21 and podcasts; and

22 10. Dr. Melvin J. Sanicas (Science and Medicine) - an internationally  
23 recognized Filipino COVID-19 expert. He tirelessly work in scientific  
24 communication, fighting misinformation and disinformation, advancing  
25 the field of vaccinology, and making significant contributions to global  
26 public health. A TED Educator, the lessons that Dr. Sanicas developed  
27 on tuberculosis, influenza, meningitis, and the coronavirus have been  
28 translated into over 24 different languages and viewed by millions.

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30 **WHEREAS**, the 2021 TOYM awardees exemplify innovative leadership,  
31 devotion to excellence and heartfelt patriotism through the services that they  
32 have rendered to their countrymen, and genuinely serve as true models of

1 excellence worth emulating by the younger generation, and the nation in  
2 general;

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4         **WHEREAS**, the Senate of the Philippines, as an expression of its support  
5 to the youth and nation-building, joins the JCI, Gerry Roxas Foundation Inc.  
6 and TOYM Foundation in recognizing and honoring the 2021 TOYM Awardees  
7 for their outstanding service to Philippine society and in echoing their  
8 aspirations for a more progressive nation:

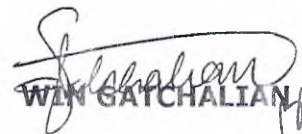
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10         **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY**  
11 **RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES**, to congratulate and  
12 commend the recipients of The Outstanding Young Men of the Philippines 2021  
13 Awards who were recognized for their significant contributions to Philippine  
14 society.

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16         **RESOLVED, FURTHER**, that a copy of this Resolution be given to the  
17 Awardees of the TOYM 2021.

*Adopted,*



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