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Senate
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RESOLUTION No. 74

RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING
THE OUTSTANDING PHILIPPINE SOLDIERS
(T.O.P.S.) OF 2008 AWARDED BY THE ROTARY
CLUB OF MAKATI METRO AND THE
METROBANK FOUNDATION, INC.

WHEREAS, The Outstanding Philippine Soldiers or T.O.P.S. is an annual search which is a project jointly undertaken by the Rotary Club of Makati Metro and the Metrobank Foundation, Inc., in consonance with the conviction of both these organizations to honor excellence in the pursuit of a vocation;

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Makati Metro launched the T.O.P.S. in September 12, 1994 as an expression of the civilian sector's appreciation and gratitude for the selfless sacrifices of the men and women in the military to help build a free, fair and affluent society;

WHEREAS, the Metrobank Foundation, Inc., on the other hand, has been extending grants to the various military educational institutions since 1995 as a sign of gratitude for the military's efforts to ensure our country's sovereignty, including the setting up of a P10 million-endowment fund in 1999 for a recognition program for outstanding soldiers;

WHEREAS, in the last six years, the Rotary Club of Makati Metro and the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. have jointly implemented the Search for T.O.P.S. wherein the latter, utilizing its experience in running similar contests such as the Search for Outstanding Teachers, has provided technical and logistical assistance to further improve and professionalize the competition;

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Rotary Club of Makati Metro and the Metrobank Foundation, Inc., in consultation with the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), introduced a whole new T.O.P.S. wherein the competition now recognizes the career contribution of a soldier within the last seven (7) years of his/her service in the military, unlike in the previous years of the Search where only individual achievements within a single year were recognized;

WHEREAS, the competition awards a maximum of ten (10) winners which shall be chosen from among all Officers with a rank of Captain up to Colonel and Enlisted Personnel of the Major Services of the AFP as well as from among all Officers with a rank of Captain up to Lieutenant Colonel of the Technical Services of the AFP (Medical Corps, Nurses Corps, Veterinary Corps, Dental Corps, Medical Administration Corps, Engineering Corps, Chaplain Service, Judge Advocate General Service, and the Corps of Professors);

WHEREAS, the Search for T.O.P.S. raises the models of excellence within the military which the other soldiers should emulate, and likewise represents the ideals being upheld by the larger sector of the national community represented by both the Rotary Club of Makati Metro and the Metrobank Foundation, Inc.;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate proudly joins the Rotary Club of Makati Metro and the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. in honoring and commending the gallant men and women who have risked life and limb in the defense of our country's sovereignty through this year's 2008 Search for The Outstanding Philippine Soldiers;

WHEREAS, the Roll of Honor for this year's winners of T.O.P.S. consists of three (3) men from the Philippine Army, three (3) men from the Philippine Air Force, three (3) men from the Philippine Navy, and one (1) woman from the Technical Support Services of the AFP: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved, That the Philippine Senate honor and commend, as it hereby commends, The Outstanding Philippine Soldiers (T.O.P.S.) chosen by the Rotary Club of Makati Metro and the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. in their 2008 Search for T.O.P.S., namely:

From the Philippine Army

Commissioned Officer Category

1. Colonel JOSELITO E. KAKILALA
Military Assistant for Army and Public Affairs
Office of Senior Military Assistant/
Office of Public and Legislative Affairs
Department of National Defense
Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City

Enlisted Personnel Category

2. Senior Master Sergeant REYNALDO D. GARCIA
Group Sergeant Major
Headquarters and Headquarters Support Group
Philippine Army, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City
3. Staff Sergeant RODEL E. BONIFACIO
Trainer/Marksmanship Instructor
Scout Ranger Training School
First Scout Ranger Regiment
Special Operations Command
Philippine Army, San Miguel, Bulacan

From the Philippine Air Force

Commissioned Officer Category

4. Captain RANDY G. BANCE
Chief, Course Implementation Division
Academics Department, Air Force Officer School
Villamor Air Base, Pasay City
Enlisted Personnel Category

5. Technical Sergeant SANDY R. TERANIA
Aviations Communication Technician
17th Attack Squadron, 15th Strike Wing
Major Danilo Atienza Air Base
Sangley Point, Cavite City

6. Technical Sergeant JESUS B. FABIAN
Master Explosive Ordnance Disposal
Technician/Training Technician
770th Special Operations Combat Support Group
710th Special Operations Wing
Philippine Air Force, Clark Air Base, Pampanga

From the Philippine Navy

Commissioned Officer Category

7. Captain JOSE RENAN C. SUAREZ
 Director, Naval Modernization Office
 Headquarters Philippine Navy
 Roxas Boulevard, Manila

Enlisted Personnel Category

8. Radarman 1st Class ROSIMALU D. GALGAO
 Harbor Pilot
 Port Facilities, Naval Base Cavite
 Fort San Felipe, Cavite City

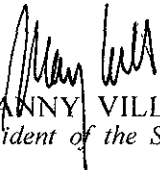
9. Chief Petty Officer EDWIN G. PALACIOS
 Chief Master at Arms
 Group Support Squadron, Naval Air Group
 Philippine Fleet, Naval Base Cavite
 Sangley Point, Cavite City

From the Technical Support Services

10. Captain ANA LISA J. MORATA
 Chief, Nursing Administration and Personnel Management Branch
 Office of the Chief Nurse Air Force
 Headquarters Philippine Air Force, Pasay City

for their loyalty and dedication to the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, their faithful performance of their sworn duties and responsibilities beyond reproach, and for being model citizens in their respective communities.

Adopted,


 MANNY VILLAR
 President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on
 May 14, 2008.


 EMMA LIRIO-REYES
 Secretary of the Senate