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Introduced by Senator Antonio "SONNY" F. Trillanes IV

RESOLUTION

HONORING AND COMMENDING THE OUTSTANDING PHILIPPINE SOLDIERS (TOPS) OF 2013 AWARDED BY THE METROBANK FOUNDATION, INC. AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF MAKATI METRO

WHEREAS, the search for the Outstanding Philippine Soldiers or T.O.P.S. is an annual search jointly undertaken by the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. (MBFI) and the Rotary Club of Makati (RCMM), in consonance with the conviction of both organizations to honor excellence in the pursuit of a vocation. The partnership of MBFI and RCMM started in 1999;

WHEREAS, the competition is an expression of gratitude to the heroism, gallantry, dedication, commitment and great sacrifices of the gallant men and women of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) in 2003, hence, the Search for T.O.P.S. became a career achievement award that recognizes the contribution of a soldier's best seven (7) years of his/her service in the military;

WHEREAS, the Search awards a maximum of ten (10) winners who shall be chosen from among all Officers with a rank of Captain up to Colonel of the Technical and Administrative Service of the AFP;

WHEREAS, the competition raises the model of excellence within the military which the other soldiers should emulate, and represents the ideals being upheld by the larger sector of the national community represented by both the Metrobank Foundation, Inc., and the Rotary Club of Makati Metro, and likewise highlights the contribution of the AFP in peace, security and nation building and development;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate should join the Metrobank Foundation, Inc., and the Rotary Club of Makati 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 2013 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) man from the Chaplain Service of the AFP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT resolved, as it is hereby resolved, That the Philippine Senate honor and commend The Outstanding Philippine Soldiers chosen by the Metrobank Foundation, Inc., and the Rotary Club of Makati Metro in their 2013 Search for T.O.P.S., namely:

For the Philippine Army

Commissioned Officer Category

- 1. COLONEL ROMEO S. BRAWNER JR.**
Chief, Plans, Policies and Programs Division
Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff Operations, J3
Camp Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City

Enlisted Person Category

- 2. CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT ROGELIO J. MENDOZA**
Command Sergeant Major
Training and Doctrine Command, Philippine Army
Camp O'Donnell, Sta. Lucia, Capas, Tarlac
- 3. TECHNICAL SERGEANT FERDINAND S. BALADJAY**
Company First Sergeant
2nd Light Reaction Company, Light Reaction Battalion
Special Operations Command, Philippine Army
Palayan City, Nueva Ecija

For the Philippine Navy

Commissioned Officer Category

- 1. CAPTAIN VICENTE L. CEJOCO**
Deputy Commander
Communications Electronics and Information Systems Service AFP
Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City
- 2. TECHNICAL SERGEANT DANTE P. BERGANIO (MARINES)**
Non Commissioned Officer, S7
Marine Battalion Landing Team 2, Philippine Marine Corps
Mt. Bayog, Barangay Samak, Talipao, Sulu
- 3. HOSPITALMAN 3RD CLASS SERGS E. ESTROPIGAN**
Recompression Chamber Petty Officer-in-Charge
Naval Salvage Unit, Naval Special Operation Group
Philippine Fleet, Naval Base Alano, Sangley Point Cavite

For the Philippine Air Force

Commissioned Officer Category

- 1. LIEUTENANT COLONEL MOISES L. MICOR**
Director, Directorate for Aircraft Maintenance and Management
Office of the Assistant Chief of Air Staff for Logistics, A4
Headquarters Philippine Air Force, Col. Jesus Villamor Air Base, Pasay City

Enlisted Personnel Category

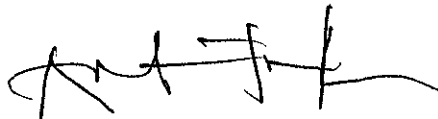
- 2. MASTER SERGEANT ALBERTO A. PESEBRE**
Non Commissioned Officer-in-Charge, Defense and Armed Forces Attaché
Management and Research Division, Military Intelligence Group 19
Intelligence Service, Armed Forces of the Philippines
- 3. TECHNICAL SERGEANT NOLITO G. TUMESA**
First Sergeant
411th Maintenance Production Group, 410th Maintenance Wing
Clark Air Base, Pampanga

For the Technical and Administrative Service – Chaplain Service

- 1. MAJOR DANECK E. DANG-AWAN**
Evangelical Chaplain
Naval Inter-Faith Worship Center
Naval Station Jose Francisco, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City

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

Adopted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Antonio F. Trillanes IV', with a stylized flourish at the end.

ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV