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**A RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING POLICE COLONEL EDWIN A. QUILATES, PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR OF THE BATANGAS POLICE PROVINCIAL OFFICE, AS ONE OF THE 2019 OUTSTANDING FILIPINO POLICE OFFICERS AWARDED BY THE METROBANK FOUNDATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Filipinos is the most prestigious career-service award for Filipino exemplars in the academe, military, and police sectors;

**WHEREAS**, the Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Filipinos is conferred on exemplary public servants in recognition of their accomplishments, services and contributions to the development in their communities;

**WHEREAS**, Police Colonel Edwin A. Quilates, Provincial Director of the Batangas Police Provincial Office, has been awarded as one of the 10 Outstanding Filipinos in the 2019 MBFI Outstanding Filipino Police Officers;

**WHEREAS**, P/Col. Edwin A. Quilates, with a distinguished career of 25 years in the police force, paved the way for the launch of *Oplan Iron Curtain* in 2018. The initiative aims to strictly mobilize police forces in and around Batangas through dragnet operations during investigation and manhunt. This leads to the swift apprehension of criminals involved in shooting and/or robbery incidents;

**WHEREAS**, *Oplan Iron Curtain* is hailed as best practice in successfully arresting notorious criminals, resulting to lower crime rate in Batangas and in the entire CALABARZON region;

**WHEREAS**, P/Col. Quilates, also a lawyer, initiated the *Agapay Kabayan* campaign as part of the community extension program of the Batangas Police Provincial Office. The campaign aims to provide the informal settlers' basic needs as well as legal assistance;


**WHEREAS**, P/Col Quilantes also initiated *Oplan Balik Armas* which campaigns for responsible use of firearms by temporarily safekeeping their guns pending license renewal, or mandating them to surrender their guns in case they will not renew its license. This strategy has been adopted by Region 4A due to its effective prevention of illegal firearms use;

**WHEREAS**, P/Col. Quilates led the *Simula ng Pag-asa (SIPAG)* Program to complement the government's war on drugs and to respond to the number of individuals who surrendered;

**WHEREAS**, the recognition and commendation to be given to P/Col. Quilates will inspire other police officers and public servants to be role models in their field of profession;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**, to congratulate and commend Police Colonel Edwin A. Quilates, Provincial Director of the Batangas Police Provincial Office, as one of the 2019 Outstanding Filipino Police Officers awarded by the Metrobank Foundation.

Adopted,



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