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RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING PUENTESPINA FARMS, PRODUCER
OF THE MULTI-AWARDED MALAGOS CHOCOLATE FOR BEING DESIGNATED
AS HEIRLOOM PRODUCER OF QUALITY CACAO BEANS BY THE HEIRLOOM
CACAO PRESERVATION FUND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FINE
CHOCOLATE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION AND UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE

1 WHEREAS, the award-winning Malagos Chocolate has earned another
2 recognition after it was designated as "heirloom cacao" by the Heirloom Cacao
3 Preservation (HCP) Fund¹;

4 WHEREAS, launched in 2012 in partnership with the United States
5 Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Fine Chocolate Industry Association, the
6 Heirloom Cacao Preservation Fund (HCP) was formed in response to the global
7 pressures of environmental change, deforestation, and economic influences
8 threatening the world's supply of high quality, flavorful cacao. Recognizing these
9 endangered cacao trees are the foundation for not only delicious chocolate, but also
10 the livelihood of many farmers and farming communities, the HCP is the first
11 initiative to identify and map the world's finest cacao and designate growers of these
12 endangered trees²;

¹ ABS-CBN News Website, Davao's Malagos Chocolate earns 'heirloom cacao' status, <https://news.abs-cbn.com/life/01/29/19/davaos-malagos-chocolate-earns-heirloom-cacao-status>

² Heirloom Cacao Preservation Fund Website, About the Heirloom Cacao Preservation Fund, <https://hpcacao.org/abouthcp/>

13 WHEREAS, Puentespina Farm, now joins 15 other heirloom cacao farmers
14 around the world from Bolivia, Ecuador, Hawaii, Costa Rica, Belize, Nicaragua,
15 Vietnam, Tanzania and Madagascar³;

16 WHEREAS, Puentespina Farms Malagos Chocolate has garnered numerous
17 awards and accolades in the past with multiple accolades coming from the Academy
18 of Chocolate Awards⁴;

19 WHEREAS, the Puentespina Farms chocolate growing business started in 2007
20 when a Mars Cocoa Sustainability Team arrived from Indonesia to teach Davao
21 farmers to grow cocoa⁵;

22 WHEREAS, it was only in 2012 when they decided to start making chocolates,
23 making Malagos one of only 100 "tree to bar" chocolate producers in the world⁶;

24 WHEREAS, it is but fitting that the Senate commend Puentespina Farms for
25 putting the name of the country in the map of quality cacao producers;

26 BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to congratulate and
27 commend Puentespina Farms, producer of the multi-awarded Malagos Chocolate for
28 being designated as heirloom producer of quality cacao beans by the Heirloom
29 Cacao Preservation Fund in partnership with the Fine Chocolate Industry Association
30 and United States Department of Agriculture.

Adopted,


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Senator

³ Supra [Citation 1]

⁴ Malagos Chocolate Website, SUMMARY OF AWARDS TO DATE, <https://malagoschocolate.com/summary-intl-awards-to-date/>

⁵ ABS-CBN News Website, Meet Davao's Willy Wonka who put PH chocolate on the world map, <https://news.abs-cbn.com/life/04/17/18/meet-davaos-willy-wonka-who-put-ph-chocolate-on-the-world-map>

⁶ Ibid.