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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

RESOLUTION
COMMENDING JOSE SAGUBAN FOR WINNING THE MAIN AWARD
FOR THE TOP 20 BEST CACAO BEANS IN THE WORLD AT THE 2019
INTERNATIONAL COCOA AWARDS HELD AT SALON DU CHOCOLAT, IN
PARIS, FRANCE

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has in numerous occasions paid tribute to exemplary Filipinos for their outstanding contributions to the country;

WHEREAS, Jose Saguban, a farmer based in Davao, won the main award for the top 20 best cacao beans in the world at the 2019 International Cocoa Awards held at Salon Du Chocolat, in Paris, France¹;

WHEREAS, the International Cocoa Awards is the only event in the world that celebrates the work of cocoa producers and the full richness of cocoa. For 2019, 225 samples were received from 55 participating cocoa-producing countries². Out of the 50 high-quality cocoa samples that enter the Cocoa of Excellence Programme, 20 receive the said award³;

WHEREAS, a native of Paquibato, Davao, Jose Saguban is a farming partner of the homegrown brand Auro Chocolate⁴;

¹Philstar News Website, Filipino farmer's cacao beans among top 20 in the world Read more at <https://www.philstar.com/nation/2019/10/31/1964933/filipino-farmers-cacao-beans-among-top-20-world#wERG6OXGrpKU0ts2.99>.

² Salon Du Chocolat, The international Cocoa Awards, <https://www.salon-du-chocolat.com/international-cocoa-awards/?lang=en>.

³Inquirer News Website, Davao farmer's cacao beans win intl award in Paris, <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1184961/davao-farmers-cacao-beans-win-intl-award-in-paris>.

⁴ ABS-CBN News Website, Pinoy farmer's cocoa beans named among best in the world, <https://news.abs-cbn.com/life/10/31/19/pinoy-farmers-cocoa-beans-named-among-best-in-the-world>.

20 WHEREAS, since October 2015, Auro Chocolate had been working with Jose
21 Saguban, a simple cacao farmer in Brgy. Malabog, Paquibato District⁵.

22 WHEREAS, Jose Saguban owned 3 hectares of cacao with coconut and other
23 fruits and is a member of Paquibato Tree Developers Cooperative⁶;

24 WHEREAS, Jose Saguban believed, since day one, that Paquibato cacao have
25 a potential for international recognition⁷;

26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,**
27 that the Senate of the Philippines commend Jose Saguban for winning the main
28 award for the Top 20 best cacao beans in the world at the 2019 International Cocoa
29 Awards held at Salon Du Chocolat, in Paris, France.

Adopted,


MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY
Senator

⁵ Sunstar News Website, Paquibato cacao gains international recognition,
<https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1830359/Davao/Business/Paquibato-cacao-gains-international-recognition>.

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Ibid.