Republic of the Philippines Congress of the Philippines **Senate**

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RESOLUTION No. 14

RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE OUTSTANDING PHILIPPINE SOLDIERS (TOPS) OF 2016 AWARDED BY THE METROBANK FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF MAKATI METRO

WHEREAS, the Search for The Outstanding Philippine Soldiers (T.O.P.S.), an annual project of the Metrobank Foundation, Incorporated in partnership with the Rotary Club of Makati Metro, seeks to honor excellence in the pursuit of a vocation;

WHEREAS, implemented since 1999, the Search for T.O.P.S., which has become the highest and most sought after civilian award given to military personnel, is an expression of gratitude to the heroism, gallantry, dedication and sacrifices of the gallant men and women of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP);

WHEREAS, in 2003, 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 raises the model of excellence within the military which the other soldiers should emulate, represents the ideals being upheld by the larger sector of the national community represented by both the Metrobank Foundation, Incorporated and the Rotary Club of Makati Metro, and likewise highlights the contribution of the AFP in peace, security, nation building and development;

Whereas, the Search awards a maximum of ten (10) winners each year who are chosen from among all commissioned officers from each of the major branch of services with a rank of captain up to colonel and enlisted personnel who are at least in active service of seven (7) years, and from among all commissioned officers with the rank of captain up to colonel of the Technical and Administrative Service (TAS) of the AFP;

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines proudly joins the Metrobank Foundation, Incorporated and the Rotary Club of Makati Metro in honoring and commending the gallant men and women who have risked life and limb in defense of our country's sovereignty through the 2016 Search for The Outstanding Philippine Soldiers;

WHEREAS, the Roll of Honor for this year's winners for the Search for 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 and Administrative Services (Medical Corps) of the AFP: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved, That the Senate of the Philippines honor and commend the 2016 Outstanding Philippine. Soldiers chosen by the Metrobank Foundation, Incorporated and the Rotary Club of Makati Metro, namely:

For the Philippine Army

Commissioned Officer Category

1. LIEUTENANT COLONEL ELIGLEN FERRER VILLAFLOR PA (GSC) Chief of Staff, Special Forces Regiment (Airborne), Special Operations Command, Philippine Army, Palayan City

Enlisted Personnel Category

2. TECHNICAL SERGEANT DANILO DELOS SANTOS RAMOS PA Chief Intelligence Non-Commissioned Officer, 1st Infantry Battalion, 2nd Intantry Division, Philippine Army, Infanta, Quezon 3. TECHNICAL SERGEANT BERNARDO LABAO TACBAS PA First Sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Service Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, Philippine Army, Cagayan de Oro City

For the Philippine Navy

Commissioned Officer Category

1. LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILFREDO BAYLON MANALANG, JR. PN(M) Commanding Officer, Marine Battalion Landing Team-8, Philippine Marine Corps, Sulu

Enlisted Personnel Category

- 2. INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST CHIEF FERNANDO JUNIO PARCON PN Petty Officer-in-Charge, Counter Intelligence Group, Naval Intelligence Security Force, Philippine Navy, Taguig City
- 3. STAFF SERGEANT ALBERT DANGAL ELEAZAR PN(M) Platoon Sergeant, 6 Marine Company, Marine Battalion Landing Team 6 Philippine Marine Corps, 1st Marine Brigade, Sultan Kudarat

For the Philippine Air Force

Commissioned Officer Category

1. LIEUTENANT COLONEL OLIVER ALINA BAÑARIA PAF Director for Communications, Office of the Assistant Chief of Air Staff for Communication, Electronics and Information Systems, O-A6, Philippine Air Force, Pasay City

Enlisted Personnel Category

- 2. MASTER SERGEANT ABEL LIM IDUSMA PAF Sergeant Major, Tactical Operations Group 10, 3rd Air Division, Philippine Air Force, Cagayan de Oro City
- 3. MASTER SERGEANT ANDERSEN DAING AVELLANA PAF Non-Commissioned Officer-in-Charge, Armament Branch, 463rd Avionics Armament Maintenance Squadron 15th Strike Wing, Philippine Airforce, Cavite City

For the Technical and Administrative Services (Medical Corps)

1. COLONEL JOCELYN PANCRUDO TURLA MC (GSC) Deputy for Professionals (Medical Corps), Armed Forces of the Philippines Medical Center, Quezon 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,

AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III

President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 6, 2016.

LUTGARDO B. BARBO

Secretary of the Senate