



Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Laguna  
**MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BAÑOS**  
*Special Science and Nature City*  
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**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH (34TH) REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON NOVEMBER 23, 2020 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, NATIONAL HIGHWAY, BRGY. TIMUGAN, LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA.**

Present : Vice Mayor Antonio L. Kalaw, Presiding Officer  
S.B. Member Josephine S. Evangelista  
S.B. Member Miko C. Pelegrina  
S.B. Member Janos S. Lapiz  
S.B. Member Geronimo A. Ciceron  
S.B. Member Marlo PJ A. Alipon  
S.B. Member Mark Lester B. Dizon  
S.B. Member Cris Dayril B. Bagnes  
S.B. Member Arlene P. delos Santos, Liga President  
S.B. Member Jozlyn N. Manansala, SK Fed. President  
Secretary Dona T. Alborda  
Ms. Felomina I. Lincallo, LLSO I

Absent : S.B. Member Mike Dexter A. Concio, (O.B.)

Visitors : Mr. Gino M. Lawas, President of LGBTQ+ - Los Baños  
Mr. Rolly Regalado, Vice President of LGBTQ+ - Los Baños  
Mr. Marvin G. Lapiz, Treasurer of LGBTQ+ - Los Baños  
Mr. Roel T. Haresco, Secretary of LGBTQ+ - Los Baños

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-200**

**A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MER-NEL'S PLACE LOS BAÑOS FOR BEING AWARDED AS THE ASIA LEADERS AWARDS 2020 – "SME COMPANY OF THE YEAR: FOOD AND BEVERAGE" DURING THE AWARDING CEREMONY HELD ON NOVEMBER 20, 2020 AT MAKATI SHANGRILA HOTEL.**

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**WHEREAS**, the Science and Nature City of Los Baños is known for its famous delicacies internationally;

**WHEREAS**, famous delicacies are known to affect the Tourism Industry of the Municipality through attaining high end markets;

**WHEREAS**, Mer-Nel's Place has captivated the taste buds of consumers and has become the small town's favorite pastry house;

**WHEREAS**, Mer-Nel's Chocolate Cake was patronized even by non-local and become the famous Chocolate Cake in the Philippines and even internationally;

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Merle and Mr. Nelson Balicao, the couple behind Mer-Nel's Place have never stop sharing their success by helping and supporting different programs of the LGU-Los Baños;

**WHEREAS, Asia Leaders Awards** is one of the largest and respected award giving body from the Philippines with awardees from Asia Pacific. The main objective of the Asia Leaders Awards is to promote the Philippines as a premier business hub and destination in Asia. Its mission is to acknowledge leaders who inspire others to do better and be the best in their industries. Awards committees came from different organizations such as embassies, high government officers and senior leaders from different associations;

**WHEREAS**, on November 20, 2020, it conducted its first awarding ceremony for the year at Makati Shangrila Hotel. **Asia Leaders Awards 2020** focuses more on leaders who are not just making a difference in their own organizations but those who also go out of their comfort zones to help those in need;

**WHEREAS**, among the awardees of the Asia Leaders Awards 2020 is **Mer-Nel's Place Los Baños** under the "**SME Company of the Year for Food and Beverage**" category;

**WHEREAS**, by being one of the Asia Leaders Awards 2020 awardees, Mer-Nel's Place brings pride, honor and recognition to the Municipality of Los Baños and its people. Mer-Nel's Place serves as an inspiration to other SMEs in the municipality and the whole country to do better;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on the motion of Councilor Mark Lester B. Dizon duly seconded by Councilor Cris Dayril B. Bagnes and concurred by all councilors present;

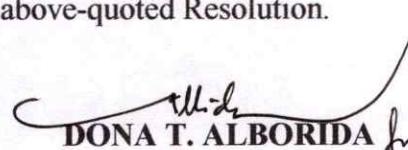
**RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVE**, a Resolution congratulating and commending Mer-Nel's Place Los Baños for being awarded as the Asia Leaders Awards 2020 – "SME Company of the Year: Food And Beverage" during the awarding ceremony held on November 20, 2020 at Makati Shangrila Hotel.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that a copy of this resolution be duly furnished Mrs. Merle Balicao and her family.

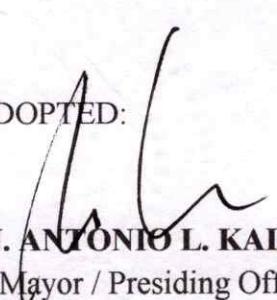
**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED :** November 23, 2020

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted Resolution.

  
**DONA T. ALBORIDA**  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

CERTIFIED ADOPTED:

  
**HON. ANTONIO L. KALAW**  
Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer