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RESOLUTION NO. 60

RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
THE BONUAN BUQUIG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
FOR WINNING THE FIRST WORLD'S BEST SCHOOL
PRIZE IN ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

WHEREAS, the Bonuan Buquig National High School is a public secondary school in Dagupan City, Pangasinan;

WHEREAS, in 2009, Typhoon Pepeng left two-thirds of Dagupan City submerged in flood water for several days prompting the city government to dredge its rivers and other waterways to alleviate flooding;

WHEREAS, a critical and unintended consequence of the river-dredging activities was the destruction of mangroves which laid marine life vulnerable to direct sunlight, and other ill-effects on the river's ecosystem;

WHEREAS, the destruction of the river's ecosystem resulted in the disappearance of fish and other shellfish, which were the main source of livelihood in the community;

WHEREAS, these series of events had affected even the education of the students, especially in high school, because the students would rather help their parents earn money through various odd jobs instead of going to school;

WHEREAS, the teachers of Bonuan Buquig National High School initiated the "*Ilog Ko, Aroen Ko: Mangrove Planting Project*," to restore the habitat of its aquatic life and organized the students and other volunteers to plant thousands of mangrove propagules each year;

WHEREAS, as a result of the mangrove-planting project, the mangroves along the Longos River banks are nearly rehabilitated and stabilized, which consequently will allow sea creatures to thrive once again, revive the means of livelihood of the community and allow students to focus on schoolwork;

WHEREAS, to further realize the objective of the Bonuan Buquig National High School to restore the ecosystem in surrounding bodies of water, the project was extended to include activities such as a coastal clean-up activity, waste management, tree planting, and an international green camp;

WHEREAS, T4 Education, an international organization that helps schools and educators navigate the "new normal" by equipping them with tools and sponsoring events and initiatives to improve education, created an award platform called the World's Best School Prizes to recognize and celebrate the innovative and leading practices of schools that have real impact on the community under five categories, namely: Community Collaboration, Environmental Action, Innovation, Overcoming Adversity, and Supporting Healthy Lives;

WHEREAS, the winning schools of the World's Best School Prizes under each category will receive \$50,000;

WHEREAS, the mangrove-planting project of the Bonuan Buquig National High School was proclaimed the first

winner of the World's Best School Prizes under the category of Environmental Action;

WHEREAS, the Prize in Environmental Action recognizes the importance of the youth, students and schools in pursuing climate action that promote solutions for global warming and climate crisis;

WHEREAS, the Bonuan Buquig National High School showed a prime example of an education that is inclusive, resilient, and holistic, and is considered a model school for the cultivation of the environmental mindset and imparting the importance of sustainable development around the world: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, To commend and congratulate the Bonuan Buquig National High School for winning the first World's Best School Prize in Environmental Action.


Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the Bonuan Buquig National High School, the City of Dagupan, and the National Historical Commission of the Philippines.

Adopted,



FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ
Speaker

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on March 15, 2023.



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Secretary General