
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE UNITED FILIPINO COUNCIL OF HAWAII ON
RECEIVING THE 2008 BANAAG PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR FILIPINO
INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS OVERSEAS.

1 WHEREAS, the Presidential Awards for Filipino Individuals
2 and Organizations Overseas was instituted through Executive
3 Order No. 498 in December 1991 in recognition of the important
4 role of Filipinos overseas and has been conferred on 283
5 overseas-based individuals and organizations in 37 countries so
6 far; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Presidential Awards are presented every two
9 years, with four separate categories depending on the types of
10 contributions made by the organization or individual to the
11 Philippines; and
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13 WHEREAS, the four separate Presidential Award categories
14 are: the Lingkod Sa Kapwa Pilipino Award, the Kaanib Ng Bayan
15 Award, the Pamana Ng Pilipino Award, and the Banaag Award; and
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17 WHEREAS, the criteria for receiving the Banaag Presidential
18 Award are:
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- 20 1. Outstanding or significant service or contribution
21 resulting in benefits to a particular sector/region in
22 the Philippines or Filipino community overseas;
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- 24 2. The success, impact, or effectiveness of the
25 contribution, which could be in the form of any or a
26 combination of personal/professional service,
27 financial or material contribution, or technology that
28 has proven to be beneficial;
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- 1 3. Dedication and commitment to pursuing activities to
2 contribute to progress and development of a particular
3 sector in the Philippines or community overseas;
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- 5 4. Resourcefulness and initiative in tapping various
6 sources to support development undertakings in the
7 interests of a particular sector/region in the
8 Philippines or Filipino community overseas;
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- 10 5. Social consciousness in terms of manifesting strong
11 community spirit, or leading or actively participating
12 in projects or other activities for the common good;
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- 15 6. Dedication and commitment to pursuing activities to
16 contribute to the betterment of the sector/region in
17 the Philippines or Filipino community overseas; and
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19 WHEREAS, 122 nominations were received by the Commission on
20 Filipinos Overseas from 29 countries, and only 31 Presidential
21 Awardees were selected in 2008; and
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23 WHEREAS, Her Excellency, President Gloria Macapagai Arroyo,
24 presented the Presidential Awards at the Malacanan Palace,
25 Manila, Philippines on December 10, 2008 in observance of the
26 Month of Filipinos Overseas; and
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28 WHEREAS, the United Filipino Council of Hawaii (UFCH) is
29 the umbrella group of over 350 Filipino organizations in Hawaii;
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32 WHEREAS, the United Filipino Council of Hawaii, through its
33 statewide leadership, has fostered and developed a well
34 organized and close-knit Filipino community and is active in
35 preserving and promoting Filipino culture and traditions in
36 Hawaii; and
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38 WHEREAS, through the United Filipino Council of Hawaii's
39 bayanihan, aloha spirit, and its efforts to unite the Filipino
40 community and perpetuate and preserve Filipino culture and
41 heritage, the Filipino community in Hawaii is one of the most

1 cohesive and supportive communities of expatriates in the world;
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4 WHEREAS, the United Filipino Council of Hawaii was awarded
5 the 2008 Banaag Presidential Award for its contributions which
6 have significantly benefited a sector or community in the
7 Philippines and advanced the cause of overseas Filipino
8 communities; now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
11 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
12 of 2009, that that this body congratulates and commends the
13 United Filipino Council of Hawaii on receiving the 2008 Banaag
14 Presidential Award, and offers its best wishes for all of its
15 future endeavors.
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