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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1328

Introduced by Representative Sabiniano “Ben” S. Canama

RESOLUTION
COMMENDING THE NATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF COOPERATIVES NETWORK FOR ITS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AND LEADERSHIP IN THE UPLIFTMENT AND—DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATIVES IN THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, on January 23, 1977 in Cebu City, the leaders of the Mindanao Alliance of Self-help Societies-Southern Philippines Education Center for Cooperatives, Visayas Cooperative Training Center, Bicol Cooperative Training Center, Tagalog Cooperative Training Center, and the North Luzon Cooperative Development Center organized the National Association of Training Centers for Cooperatives, now known, as the National Confederation of Cooperatives Network (NATCCO Network) to ensure the development and success of cooperatives through proper training and education;

WHEREAS, NATCCO Network’s vision is to be a “self-regulating network of cooperatives mobilizing resources and sharing the benefits of growth,” has made it one of the biggest cooperative federation in the Philippines with combined assets of more than $4.56 billion with 5.8 million individual members and 2,062 branch offices located in 77 provinces and 129 cities in the country;

WHEREAS, to achieve NATCCO Network’s mission of “building the socio-economic capabilities of cooperatives for the upliftment of the quality of life of the people,” it provides non-financial services which includes knowledge resource centers, microfinance
innovations in cooperatives, access branding, education, training and consultancy, and information technology; and financial services which include treasury and credit, stabilization fund, payment services, and central fund. It also offers subsidiary products such as the NATCCO hostel, housing cooperatives, Fonus Cebu Federation of Cooperatives funeral care, CoopMart, mutual benefit association, and travel and tours. To date, in keeping with the needs of the sector, it offers advocacy services on climate change adaptation, disaster-readiness of communities, financial literacy, gender development, financial inclusion, youth development, inclusion of persons with disabilities, and social performance;

WHEREAS, recognizing that the children and youth are the future cooperators and entrepreneurs, the NATCCO Network, through its partnership with Aflatoun Child Savings International and Department of Education, launched the Aflatoun Social and Financial Education Program and Laboratory Cooperatives, which, so far, successfully educated 337,790 youth savers in 1,654 participating schools nationwide, generating a total of P260 million saving deposits;

WHEREAS, NATCCO Network’s commitment to uplift the lives of the Filipinos, introduced microfinance innovations to cooperatives, and was able to establish 131 branches nationwide, 50 of which are agrarian reform cooperatives that provide savings deposits, loans, and insurance to more than 100,000 Filipinos in the countryside;

WHEREAS, taking advantage of the presence of cooperatives in rural areas, the NATCCO Network helped the government in implementing the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) or the Conditional Cash Transfer through its partnership with 100 cooperatives located in the National Capital Region, Region IV-A, Region IV-B, Region V, Region VI, Region VII and Region VIII that acted as conduits, and released a total of P16.9 billion to 776,000 beneficiaries in 596 municipalities from 2014 to 2016;

WHEREAS, through the efforts and leadership of NATCCO Network, it was able to continuously serve its members even amidst the COVID 19 pandemic by providing financial services, it implemented a moratorium on the loan payments, distributed basic food and necessities, offered free transportation to health workers, opened food stores, and donated personal protective equipment to the front liners;

WHEREAS, in keeping abreast with the local and international best practices, the NATCCO Network is an active member of the Association of Asian Confederation of Credit Unions based in Bangkok, Thailand since 1979, the Caucus of Development NGO Networks since 1991, Philippine Cooperative Center since 1997, and International Cooperative Alliance based in Brussels, Belgium since 2000;
WHEREAS, committed to provide excellent services to its members, the NATCCO Network was bestowed 3 International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Certifications – Quality Management ISO 9001:2008, Environmental and Health Management ISO 14001:2004, and Occupational Health and Safety Management ISO 18001:2007;

WHEREAS, in recognition of its accomplishments and contributions, the NATCCO Network was awarded in 2014 the Gawad Parangal for the “Best Performing Co-operative Federation” during the 2014 National Cooperative Summit in Cebu City, in 2014, as the “Best Performing Federation” by the First Metro Manila Cooperative Congress, and in 2015, as the “2nd Best Performing Cooperative Federation”;

WHEREAS, the NATCCO Network exemplifies the best practices in its operations as it has greatly improved the economic well-being of its 5.9 million individual members and the communities where it operates as it has provided viable products and services. Therefore, because of its achievements, it deserves to be a commended for a job well done: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To commend the National Confederation of Cooperatives Network for its outstanding achievements and leadership in the upliftment and development of cooperatives in the country.

Adopted,

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