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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2341  

Introduced by Representative Sabiniano “Ben” S. Canama  

RESOLUTION  
COMMENDING THE ORO INTEGRATED COOPERATIVE FOR ITS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AND REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS IN POVERTY ALLEVIATION, ECONOMIC GROWTH, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, AND NATION-BUILDING  

WHEREAS, on March 5, 1966, the Oro Integrated Cooperative, formerly known as the Oro Cooperative Credit Union, was established with a vision to provide a diversified range of sustainable business and social services to improve the lives of its members by promoting their self-sufficiency and economic independence;  

WHEREAS, on June 5, 1975, the Oro Credit Cooperative Union was re-registered as a full-fledged cooperative under the Bureau of Cooperative Development and changed its name to Oro Credit Cooperative, Inc., which was also changed to Oro Integrated Cooperative in 1991;  

WHEREAS, even during its early years, the Oro Integrated Cooperative has already shown its dynamism and transformative business conduct when it co-founded the Southern Philippines Educational Cooperative Center; the CLIMBS Life and General Insurance Cooperative which provides life insurance and loan protection to credit unions; and the Mindanao Cooperative Alliance, through the Misamis Oriental, Bukidnon, and Camiguin Federation (MBCF), which was later on named as the Mindanao Alliance of Self-Help Societies, Incorporated, to help the Oro Integrated Cooperative with their programs and
projects for their members;

**WHEREAS**, Oro Integrated Cooperative has continued its steady and phenomenal growth, expanding where it is needed, readily serving the needs of its members, and providing tailored fit financial facilities from savings, investments, loans, insurances, automated teller machines, bills payment facility, and health care services;

**WHEREAS**, in 2001, the Oro Integrated Cooperative participated in the Socio-Economic Development of Cooperatives in the Philippines and introduced a six-level membership classification providing new services for its members to promote and encourage development in their community and the countryside;

**WHEREAS**, for its unwavering dedication to its members and its exemplary support for the communities, the Oro Integrated Cooperative has received various national awards and citations through the years, which include, the “Most Outstanding Cooperative” given by the Cooperative Development Authority’s Gawad Parangal in 2012, 2013 and 2014;

**WHEREAS**, Oro Integrated Cooperative established the Enterprise Development Program, in partnership with the Department of Trade and Industry, to empower member-entrepreneur to expand their enterprises by honing their entrepreneurial skills to facilitate further economic growth, including cacao contract growing, swine fattening and buy-back project, and initiating forums to assist farmer members and provide them an opportunity to diversify their crops;

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the potentials of women and the youth, the Oro Integrated Cooperative establishes the Gender and Development Committee to strengthen the capacity of gender advocates to embark on sustainable gender development programs for the cooperative; it likewise recognizes the potential of the youth as future leaders, and thus, establishes the Youth Savers Club Program to instill in children the habit of saving, and encourage them to develop financial skills; and provides scholarship grants and educational support to deserving but less privileged public high school students in Northern Mindanao through the “Piso Mo, Edukasyon Ko” Project;

**WHEREAS**, through its social arm, Oro Integrated Coop Foundation, Inc., the Oro Integrated Cooperative has also become a valuable development partner of the local and national governments by engaging in various outreach and social government programs, such as the supplemental feeding program to thirty-six public elementary schools; annual Christmas gift-giving for children from
Cagayan de Oro City and the Mother Theresa Foundation; mangrove growing in the cities of Gingoog and El Salvador in the Province of Misamis Oriental; and the projects on tree park in Barangay Lumbia and bamboo growing in Barangay Pagatpat both in Cagayan de Oro City;

WHEREAS, during this COVID-19 pandemic, the Oro Integrated Cooperative has provided rice-subsidy for its members, delivered 400 packed meals to medical front liners, and supplied barangays in Cagayan de Oro City with disinfectant spray;

WHEREAS, with its visionary leadership, innovative methods, excellent financial management, and competent administration, the Oro Integrated Cooperative has grown its membership from 72 to 168,248 members, its humble capital deposit of P1066.00 at its inception in 1966 to P6,629,639,683.00 in assets in 2020, 18 branches strategically located in key areas in Visayas and Mindanao, and is now one of the leading cooperatives in the country;

WHEREAS, consistently adhering to its core values of hard work, innovation, integrity, transparency, loyalty, respect, accountability, mutual responsibility, and solidarity to overcome difficulties and efficiently serve as an agent of change and development of communities in the countryside, Oro Integrated Cooperative greatly deserves commendation and praise from the Filipino people: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To commend the Oro Integrated Cooperative for its outstanding contributions to cooperative development and remarkable achievements in poverty alleviation, economic growth, sustainable development, and nation-building.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished the Oro Integrated Cooperative.

Adopted,

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