Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of July, two thousand twenty-one.

RESOLUTION NO. 209

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE NATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF COOPERATIVES NETWORK (NATCCO NETWORK) FOR ITS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AND LEADERSHIP IN DEVELOPING AND UPLIFTING 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 to be a "self-regulating network of cooperatives mobilizing resources and sharing the benefits of growth," has spurred its growth and turned it into one of the largest cooperative federations in the Philippines with 850 member-primary cooperatives, serving a total of 5.92 million members through their 2,161 offices in 77 provinces and 129 cities. These primary cooperatives manage their members' assets amounting to a total of Two hundred seventy-seven billion pesos (Php277B);

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 its member-cooperatives financial services such as deposit and loan facilities, a Stabilization Fund, a mechanism which protects cooperatives against insolvency, and Microfinance Innovations in Cooperatives (MICOOP), a program that collaborates with the agrarian reform cooperatives towards sustainability and growth, leading to national food security and eliminating poverty in the countryside, and non-financial services such as education, training and consultancy for cooperative (co-op) leaders and personnel on all aspects of co-op operations, including compliance with government regulations and standards, the Knowledge Resource Center (KRC), a data bank of co-op best practices where the cooperatives can refer to aid them in their operations, and the information technology training to enable co-ops to efficiently increase their operations. It also advocates for climate action and disaster readiness of communities, and provides training programs in business continuity planning, financial literacy, financial inclusion, gender and development, youth leadership development, and those aimed at empowering persons with disabilities;

WHEREAS, recognizing that the children and youth are the future cooperators and entrepreneurs, the NATCCO Network partnered with Aflatoun Child Savings International and the Department of Education to implement the Aflatoun Social and Financial Education Program, and established laboratory cooperatives where financial literacy in the co-op context was taught, and as a result, generated Three hundred fifty-eight million pesos (Php358M) in savings deposits from 386,000 youth savers in 1,799 schools nationwide;
WHEREAS, the NATCCO Network assisted and collaborated with the government in the implementation of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program or the Conditional Cash Transfer Program, where 100 of its member-cooperatives served as conduits in the release of the financial assistance to more than 500 municipalities in the country;

WHEREAS, the NATCCO Network continued to serve its members amidst the COVID-19 pandemic by monitoring the financial condition of its member-cooperatives through the conduct of webinars and meetings to guide them on how to steer through the pandemic;

WHEREAS, to keep abreast with local and international best practices, the NATCCO Network continues to be an active member of the Association of Asian Confederation of Credit Unions, the Caucus of Development NGO Networks, the Philippine Cooperative Center, the International Cooperative Alliance, and the Proxfin;

WHEREAS, as a testament to its commitment to provide excellent services to its members, the NATCCO Network was awarded International Standards Organization (ISO) Certificates for Quality Management (ISO 9001), for Environmental and Health Management (ISO 14001) in 2015, and for Occupational Health and Safety Management (ISO 45001) in 2018;

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

WHEREAS, the package of services rendered by the NATCCO Network has made a positive contribution in improving the quality of life and the capacities of its member-cooperatives, and the communities where they operate;
WHEREAS, the NATCCO Network deserves recognition for all its achievements which significantly transformed it into a successful secondary cooperative. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, To commend the National Confederation of Cooperatives Network (NATCCO Network) for its outstanding achievements and leadership in developing and uplifting cooperatives in the country.

Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the NATCCO Network.

Adopted,

LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO
Speaker

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on September 15, 2021.

MARK LLANDRO "DONG" L. MENDOZA
Secretary General