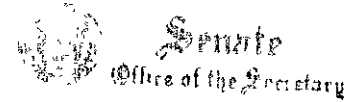


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**RESOLUTION**  
**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING ARRIZA ANN SAHI NOCUM FOR BEING HONORED ZONTA INTERNATIONAL'S YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS (YWPA) AWARD 2011 LAST 27 AUGUST 2011 IN PASAY CITY, THE PHILIPPINES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Senate has in several occasions paid tribute to outstanding Filipinos for their astonishing feat of bringing home pride and glory to the country by becoming champions in the international scene with their civic causes;

**WHEREAS**, Oblation Scholar and University of the Philippines freshman Arriza Ann Sahi Nocum made the country proud when she was honored the Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) award by Zonta International last 27 August 2011 in the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila in Pasay City, the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, the Young Women in Public Affairs or YWPA award is given by Zonta International to young women aged 16 to 19 years old who demonstrate a commitment to leadership in public policy, government and volunteer organizations;

**WHEREAS**, founded in 1919, Zonta International, is a global organization of more than 31,000 executives and professionals that works to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy;

**WHEREAS**, the 16-year old industrial engineering student and Philippine Science High School alumna was cited for her work in Kristiyano-Islam Peace Library (Kris Library), which has so far built five libraries and distributed books in a slum area in Quezon City, in a resettlement area for victims of typhoon "Ondoy" in Montalban, Rizal, in a suspected jump-off point of the Abu Sayyaf in Zamboanga City, and 2 others in a Moro Islamic Liberation Front stronghold in Tungawan, Zamboanga del Sur;

**WHEREAS**, Arriza Ann Sahi Nocum will be joining four other awardees from all over the world for the 2011 Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) award: Emily Kvalheim of the United States, Nasma Dasser of Switzerland, Anjali Chandrashekar of India and Mehitabel Markwei of Ghana;

**WHEREAS**, aside from the Kris Library, Arriza Ann Sahi Nocum acts as administrator for the A-Book-Saya Group, an organization founded by her Christian father and Muslim mother to improve and promote education for children living in communities entrenched in poverty and crime where she solicits books and educational materials from sponsors and sends them to children in the Southern islands of the country;

**WHEREAS**, by being conferred this international achievement, Arriza Ann Sahi Nocum has made our country proud and has shown to the world the spirit of Filipino excellence;

**WHEREAS**, this achievement by our Filipino student deserves to be commended for the honor and recognition she has brought to our country.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and commend Arriza Ann Sahi Nocum for being honored Zonta International's Young Women In Public Affairs (YWPA) award 2011 last 27 August 2011 in Pasay City, The Philippines.

**Adopted,**

  
**MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID**  
Senator