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Excerpt from the journal of the 19th Regular Session of the 11th Council of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, City of Bacolod held on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 via Zoom Teleconference.

PRESENT:

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Councilor Cindy T. Rojas	
Councilor Em L. Ang	
Councilor Vladimir S. Gonzalez	
Councilor Renecito S. Novero	
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Councilor Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella	
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Councilor Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen	
Councilor Ayesha Joy Y. Villaflor	

RESOLUTION NO. 1023
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RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING ATTY. RAYMUNDO TORRES PANDAN FOR WINNING THE GRAND PRIZE IN THE NOVEL CATEGORY OF THE 2022 CARLOS PALANCA MEMORIAL AWARDS FOR HIS NOVEL, BITTERSWEETLAND.

Upon unanimous motion of the Members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod

RESOLVED, to pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Atty. Raymundo Torres Pandan, a Bacolodnon lawyer and professor, was chosen as the grand prize winner in the novel category of the 2022 Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for his novel, Bittersweetland;

WHEREAS, the **Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature**, popularly known as the **Palanca Awards**, are a set of literary awards for Philippine writers. Usually referred to as the "Pulitzer Prize of the Philippines", it is the country's highest literary honor in terms of prestige;

WHEREAS, Bittersweetland is a novel for Negros, for its people, for the crop which sustains us, and which we must sustain to endure, but also to endure our bittersweet life, and is set to be published in December 2022 or early 2023;



WHEREAS, Atty. Pandan has been a lawyer for 32 years and was once named as the country's youngest law school dean in 1997 at the University of St. La Salle-Bacolod;

WHEREAS, aside from his novel Bittersweetland, Atty. Pandan also won the Cirilo F. Bautista Grand Prize for the Novel Category with his work entitled "When Will This War End?" in 2015;

WHEREAS, Atty. Raymundo T. Pandan has also won two Palanca Awards for poetry in 2006 and for children's poetry in 2012;

WHEREAS, in 2018, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) granted him the Taboan Awards for his "masterful craft of poetry and fiction" and a "full life of exemplary service as committed defender of justice and staunch promoter of Philippines letter";

WHEREAS, Atty. Pandan is the Project Director of Iyas National Writers' Workshop that is based in Bacolod City, one of only four writers' workshops funded by the NCCA;

WHEREAS, the works and accolades of **ATTY. RAYMUNDO TORRES PANDAN** give pride and honor to Bacolod City and gives inspiration to other budding Bacolodnon writers and literary artists.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to congratulate and commend Atty. Raymundo Torres Pandan for winning the grand prize in the novel category of the 2022 Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for his novel, Bittersweetland.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this Resolution be inscribed in a plaque and be formally presented to **ATTY. RAYMUNDO T. PANDAN** during an appropriate occasion.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors : Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Israel P. Salanga, Cindy T. Rojas, Em L. Ang, Al Victor A. Espino, Vladimir S. Gonzalez, Renecito S. Novero, Jason Isidro S. Villarosa, Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella, Simplicia Z. Distrito, Celia Matea R. Flor, Psyche Marie E. Sy, Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen, Ayesha Joy Y. Villafior.


Negative : None.

Comments : Passed.

ATTESTED:


ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE
Secretary to the Sanggunian

VCP/CGT/jbz


EL CID M. FAMILARAN
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer