A RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE FOURTEEN (14) PHILIPPINE UNIVERSITIES WHICH BROUGHT PRIDE AND HONOR TO THE COUNTRY BY MAKING IT TO THE LIST OF ASIA’S BEST HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS BASED ON THE LATEST QUACQUARELLI SYMONDS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS (ASIA 2021)

WHEREAS, Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) is a leading provider of global higher education services, insights, and analytics, and is one of the world’s trusted independent source of global intelligence in the higher education sector through its 20-year collection of institutional data and research projects, which include the QS World University Rankings, QS Regional Rankings, and QS Graduate Employability Rankings, among others;

WHEREAS, the QS World University Rankings is an annual publication of university rankings which comprises the global overall and subject rankings (which identifies the world’s top universities for the study of 48 different subjects and five composite faculty areas), alongside independent regional tables (such as Asia, Latin America, Emerging Europe and Central Asia and the Arab Region);

WHEREAS, the QS World University Rankings is the most-widely read university rankings in the world and its portfolio has grown to become the world’s most popular source of comparative data about university performance;

WHEREAS, fourteen (14) Philippine universities have been recognized as the best higher education institutions (HEIs) in Asia through their inclusion in the QS 2021 World University Rankings (Asia 2021);

WHEREAS, these HEIs and their rankings are as follows: University of the Philippines (UP), 69; Ateneo de Manila University (ADMU), 135; De La Salle University (DLSU), 166; University of Santo Tomas (UST), 186; University of San Carlos (USC), 451-500; Ateneo de Davao University (ADDU), 501-550; Mapua University (MU), 501-550; Silliman University (SU), 501-550; Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT), 551-600; Adamson University (AU), 601+; Central Luzon State University (CLSU), 601+; Central Mindanao University (CMU), 601+; Central Philippine University (CPU), 601+; and Xavier University (XU), 601+;

WHEREAS, seven of the 14 Philippine HEIs in the 2021 rankings were also included in the 2020 QS World University Rankings (Asia 2020) and their inclusion in the latest ranking marks their second consecutive year;

WHEREAS, these seven HEIs on their second consecutive year of being included in the QS Asia rankings are as follows: UP; ADMU; DLSU; UST; USC; MU; and SU
WHEREAS, the seven new HEIs included in the latest rankings, and which marked the largest increase of ranked Philippine universities, include the following: ADDU; MSU-IIT; AU; CLSU; CMU; CPU; and XU;

WHEREAS, the recognition given to the additional HEIs as among the best in Asia proves that the country’s efforts to provide access to quality education are bearing fruit;

WHEREAS, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) has continuously supported these 14 Philippine HEIs through various international programs and initiatives;

WHEREAS, these 14 Philippine universities are also grantees of the CHED-initiated Scholarships for Graduate Studies Abroad wherein they get to send their faculty abroad to experience international education, and gain cultural understanding and perspective;

WHEREAS, the UP, ADMU, DLSU, UST, USC, SU and CLSU are supported in the Joint Development of Niche Programme (JDPN), a project of the CHED and British Council, that brings together top universities in the Philippine and the United Kingdom;

WHEREAS, the MSU-IIT, CLSU and CMU are grantees of the “Fostering World Class Philippine University,” a CHED-initiated project that aims to boost the global presence of the Philippine higher education sector and cultivate world-class Philippine universities;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulates and commends the fourteen (14) Philippine universities which brought pride and honor to the country by making it to the list of Asia’s best higher education institutions based on the latest Quacquarelli Symonds World University Rankings (Asia 2021);

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be furnished the CHED and the 14 Philippine universities.

Adopted,

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