

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 471

Submitted by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education on 18 OCT 2017

Re: House Resolution No. 1419

Recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolutions Numbered 968 and 979

Sponsors: Representatives Ann K. Hofer and Deputy Speaker Gwendolyn F. Garcia

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Higher and Technical Education, to which were referred:

House Resolution No. 968, introduced by Rep. Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING UNIVERSITY OF SAN CARLOS
IN CEBU CITY FOR HAVING PRODUCED FOUR (4) OF THE TOP TEN IN THE
2016 PHILIPPINE BAR EXAMINATIONS INCLUDING THE TOPNOTCHER"

and House Resolution No. 979, introduced by Deputy Speaker Gwendolyn F. Garcia, entitled:

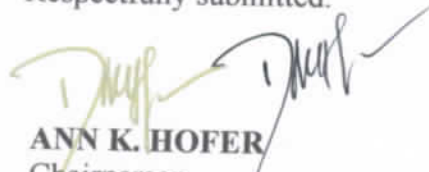
"A RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN CARLOS-SCHOOL OF LAW
AND GOVERNANCDE IN CEBU CITY, ITS NEW LAWYERS AND BAR
TOPNOTCHERS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING, HISTORIC AND EXEMPLARY
PERFORMANCE IN THE 2016 PHILIPPINE BAR EXAMINATIONS"

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Resolution No. 1419, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN
CARLOS (USC)-SCHOOL OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE IN CEBU CITY AND
ITS BAR TOPNOTCHERS AND PASSERS FOR EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE
IN THE 2016 PHILIPPINE BAR EXAMINATION"

be adopted in substitution of House Resolutions Numbered 968 and 979 and with Deputy Speaker Gwendolyn F. Garcia and Representatives Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Ann K. Hofer, Gerald Anthony "Samsam" V. Gullas Jr., Wilfredo S. Caminero, Benhur L. Salimbangon, Ramon "Red" H. Durano VI, Peter John D. Calderon, Raul V. Del Mar, Rodrigo A. Abellanos, Aileen C. Radaza, Evelina G. Escudero, Aurelio "Dong" D. Gonzales, Jr., Jesulito A. Manalo, France L. Castro, Antonio L. Tinio, Lorna Bautista-Bandigan, Salvador B. Belaro, Jr., Sarah Jane L. Elago, Edwin C. Ong and Carlos Isagani T. Zarate as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:



ANN K. HOFER
Chairperson
Committee on Higher and Technical Education

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House Resolution No. 1419

(in substitution of House Resolutions Numbered 968 and 979)

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES GWENDOLYN F. GARCIA, WINSTON "Winnie" T. CASTELO, ANN K. HOFER, GERALD ANTHONY. "Samsam" V. GULLAS JR, WILFREDO S. CAMINERO, BENHUR L. SALIMBANGON, RAMON "Red" H. DURANO VI, PETER JOHN D. CALDERON, RAUL V. DEL MAR, RODRIGO A. ABELLANOSA, AILEEN C. RADAZA, EVELINA G. ESCUDERO, AURELIO "Dong" D. GONZALES, JR., JESULITO A. MANALO, FRANCE L. CASTRO, ANTONIO L. TINIO, LORNA BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN, SALVADOR B. BELARO, JR., SARAH JANE L. ELAGO, EDWIN C. ONG AND CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE

A RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN CARLOS (USC)-SCHOOL OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE IN CEBU CITY AND ITS BAR TOPNOTCHERS AND PASSERS FOR EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE IN THE 2016 PHILIPPINE BAR EXAMINATION

1 **WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the State to promote quality education and to take
2 appropriate steps to make quality education accessible to all and at all levels;
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4 **WHEREAS**, universities and colleges, including state tertiary institutions or state
5 universities and colleges (SUCs), were established in all regions in the entire country to meet
6 the goals of providing wider access to quality tertiary education, with performance at par with
7 higher education institutions (HEIs) in Metro Manila and the National Capital Region (NCR);
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9 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of the professional licensure examinations administered for the
10 various professional fields of study, including the study of law, is to help determine the
11 cognitive competencies of graduates in their respective degree courses while ensuring likewise
12 the standards of quality education in the country's HEIs, both for the private and state-run
13 universities and colleges nationwide;
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15 **WHEREAS**, especially for those who come from the provinces and who graduated from
16 the various tertiary education schools outside Metro Manila, including those institutions
17 offering professional courses such as Law, passing the licensure exam is a reflection and
18 ultimate measurement of the quality of education standards of HEIs;
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20 **WHEREAS**, graduates of the University of San Carlos (USC) School of Law and
21 Governance in Cebu City have consistently posted exemplary performances in the examinations
22 for the Bar, an outstanding feat for a law school not based in Metro Manila;
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24 **WHEREAS**, the Bar examinations, which is the only licensure exam that is not
25 supervised by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), is one of the most difficult
26 professional licensure examinations in the country;
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28 **WHEREAS**, out of the total 6,344 examinees in the November 2016 Philippine Bar
29 examination, 59.06 percent successfully passed;
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31 **WHEREAS**, all of the 70 Bar examinees of the USC School of Law and Governance,
32 who were likewise first-time takers, passed the Bar examinations, thus obtaining a 100 percent
33 passing rate and a remarkable performance for the USC School of Law and Governance in the
34 2016 Bar examinations;
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36 **WHEREAS**, the examinees who placed 1st, 3rd, 7th and 8th, respectively, in the 2016
37 Bar examinations were from the USC School of Law and Governance;
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39 **WHEREAS**, the USC School of Law and Governance indeed deserves commendation
40 and recognition for this remarkable feat;
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42 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the House of Representatives
43 congratulate and commend the USC School of Law and Governance, in particular, for obtaining
44 a 100 percent passing rate in the 2016 Philippine Bar Examination, and the University of San
45 Carlos, in general, for this achievement and for living up to the challenge of providing quality
46 competitive tertiary education, especially in professional courses such as Law;
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48 **RESOLVED FURTHER**, That the USC's four (4) Bar top placers namely KAREN
49 MAE L. CALAM (1st Placer, with an average score of 89.0500 percent), FIONA CRITY D.
50 LAO (3rd Placer, with an average score of 88.8000 percent), ANN MARGARET E.
51 MOMONGAN (7th Placer, with an average score of 87.8000 percent), and JEFFERSON L.
52 GOMEZ (8th Placer, with an average score of 87.7000 percent), and all the 70 successful first-
53 time 2016 Bar takers, be likewise congratulated and commended, not only for their
54 accomplishment and collective pursuit for excellence, but more so for setting standards of
55 excellence in law education for those in the region and other provinces to emulate and aspire
56 for;
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58 **RESOLVED FINALLY**, That a copy of this resolution of commendation be given to
59 the USC School of Law and Governance through its Dean, Atty. Joan S. Largo, and be
60 forwarded likewise to the Supreme Court and the Commission on Higher Education for their
61 respective appropriate recognition of this singular achievement.
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63 Adopted.