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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 510

Submitted by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education on 11 DEC 2017

Re: House Resolution No. 1523

Recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolutions Numbered 965 and 972

Sponsors: Representative Ann K. Hofer and Deputy Speaker Frederick F. Abueg

Mr. Speaker:

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

House Resolution No. 965, introduced by Deputy Speaker Frederick F. Abueg, and Reps. Josef George F. Alvarez and Gil P. Acosta, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PALAWAN STATE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF LAW FOR GARNERING A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%)
PASSING RATE OF ITS TAKERS DURING THE 2016 PHILIPPINE BAR
EXAMINATIONS”

and House Resolution No. 972, introduced by Deputy Speaker Frederick F. Abueg, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING THE PALAWAN STATE UNIVERSITY (PSU) SCHOOL OF
LAW FOR OBTAINING A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) PASSING RATE IN
THE PHILIPPINE BAR EXAMINATIONS 2016”

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Resolution No. **1523**, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PALAWAN STATE UNIVERSITY
(PSU) SCHOOL OF LAW FOR OBTAINING A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%)
PASSING RATE IN THE 2016 PHILIPPINE BAR EXAMINATION”

be adopted in substitution of House Resolutions Numbered 965 and 972, with Deputy Speaker Frederick F. Abueg, and Representatives Ann K. Hofer, Josef George F. Alvarez, Gil P. Acosta, Evelina G. Escudero, Gwendolyn F. Garcia, Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales, Jr., Jesulito A. Manalo, France L. Castro,

Antonio L. Tinio, Rodrigo A. Abellanosa, Lorna Bautista-Bandigan, Salvador B. Belaro, Jr., Raul V. Del Mar, 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. 1523

(in substitution of House Resolutions Numbered 965 and 972)

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES FREDERICK F. ABUEG, ANN K. HOFER, FRANZ JOSEF GEORGE E. ALVAREZ, GIL P. ACOSTA, EVELINA G. ESCUDERO, GWENDOLYN F. GARCIA, AURELIO "Dong" D. GONZALES, JR., JESULITO A. MANALO, FRANCE L. CASTRO, ANTONIO L. TINIO, RODRIGO A. ABELLANOSA, LORNA BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN, SALVADOR B. BELARO, JR., RAUL V. DEL MAR, SARAH JANE L. ELAGO, EDWIN C. ONG AND CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE

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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**, state universities and colleges (SUCs) were established in all regions in
5 the country to meet the goals of providing wider access to affordable quality tertiary education,
6 with performance at par with higher education institutions (HEIs) in Metro Manila and the
7 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 state universities and colleges (SUCs), passing the licensure exams for professional
17 courses, including Law, is a reflection and ultimate measurement of the investment of the state
18 to the quality of education standards of HEIs;
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20 **WHEREAS**, the Palawan State University (PSU) is the first and only state university in
21 Palawan and in the MIMAROPA Region to offer law with the establishment of the PSU School
22 of Law;
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24 **WHEREAS**, since its establishment in 1993, the PSU School of Law has earned the
25 reputation and recognition of consistently producing quality graduates who eventually become
26 successful bar exam passers and remarkable Palaweño lawyers;
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28 **WHEREAS**, the Bar examinations, which is the only licensure exam that is not
29 supervised by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), is one of the most difficult
30 professional tests in the country;

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32 **WHEREAS**, out of the total 6,344 examinees in the November 2016 Philippine Bar
33 examination, 59.06 percent successfully passed;

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35 **WHEREAS**, in the said 2016 Philippine Bar examination, all or 100 percent of PSU
36 School of Law examinees, namely, **Ariel Abis, Mary Melanyn Guevara Arambulo, Fatima**
37 **Bacuteng, Oscar Cardano Jr., Gemmalu Molleno-Placido, Mary Catherine Ponce De**
38 **Leon, Kerwin Arnold Mawie Palatino, Rio Jean A. Quindara, Joseph Isaiah F. Rivera and**
39 **Irish R. Villamor**, successfully hurdled said examination, the first time a 100% passing rate has
40 been recorded in the history of the PSU School of Law;

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42 **WHEREAS**, the PSU School of Law indeed deserves commendation and recognition for
43 remarkable achievement;

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45 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the House of Representatives
46 congratulate and commend the PSU School of Law, in particular, for obtaining a 100 percent
47 passing rate in the 2016 Philippine Bar Examination, and the PSU, in general, for this academic
48 feat and for living up to the challenge of providing quality competitive public tertiary education,
49 especially in professional courses such as Law;

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51 **RESOLVED FURTHER**, That all successful 2016 Bar examinees of the PSU School of
52 Law, including its Dean, Atty. Perry Pe, and all its professional law lecturers, be likewise
53 congratulated and commended for their collective accomplishment and pursuit for excellence
54 which brought great pride and inspiration not only to the PSU but to the entire Province of
55 Palawan and the MIMAROPA region, and more so for setting the standards of excellence in law
56 education for the other law schools and law students in the region and other provinces to
57 emulate and aspire for;

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59 **RESOLVED FINALLY**, That a copy of this resolution of commendation be given to
60 the PSU, and forwarded likewise to the Commission on Higher Education, the Supreme Court,
61 including the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan ng Palawan* and the *Sangguniang Panlungsod ng*
62 *Puerto Princesa* for the appropriate recognition of the PSU School of Law and all its successful
63 2016 bar passers.

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65 Adopted.