COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 298

Submitted by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education on  MAR 1 1 2020

Re: House Resolution No. 789

Recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 297

Sponsors: Representatives Mark O. Go and Sonny L. Lagon

Mr. Speaker:

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

House Resolution No. 297, introduced by Representative Sonny L. Lagon, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION
COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING ALDREAN PAUL ELVIRA
ALOGON FOR BEING AWARDED WITH THE PRESTIGIOUS FREEMAN
ASIAN SCHOLARSHIP AT THE WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY IN
CONNECTICUT, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA"

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Resolution No. 789, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING ALDREAN PAUL ELVIRA
ALOGON FOR BEING AWARDED THE PRESTIGIOUS FREEMAN ASIAN
SCHOLARSHIP AT THE WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY IN CONNECTICUT,
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA"

be adopted in substitution of House Resolution No. 297 and with Reps. Sonny L. Lagon and Mark O. Go as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:

MARK O. GO
Chairperson
Committee on Higher and Technical Education

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
QUEZON CITY
A RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING ALDREAN PAUL ELVIRA ALOGON FOR BEING AWARDED THE PRESTIGIOUS FREEMAN ASIAN SCHOLARSHIP AT THE WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY IN CONNECTICUT, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHEREAS, Aldrean Paul Elvira Alagon, son of a farmer, was born and raised in the Municipality of Sigma, Province of Capiz, where he grew up under difficult circumstances and was deprived of adequate support in his studies further aggravated by his mother's death when he was young;

WHEREAS, Aldrean Alagon demonstrated strong desire to overcome poverty and confront life's harsh circumstances with exceptional intelligence, extraordinary diligence, discipline and dedication to his studies that set him apart from the other students of his league since his elementary days;

WHEREAS, Mr. Alagon distinguished himself as consistent honor student and class valedictorian of the Sigma Elementary School in Capiz Province; and graduated with highest honors at the Philippine Science High School –Western Visayas Campus in Iloilo City;

WHEREAS, Mr. Alagon further distinguished himself as consistent representative of his school in several science competitions in the country and abroad since his elementary and all through his high school days, having earned the privilege to be part of the Philippine team to the International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics held in Bhubaneswar, India in 2016, and in Phuket, Thailand in 2017;

WHEREAS, Aldrean Alagon was recently awarded the prestigious Freeman Asian Scholarship at the Wesleyan University in Connecticut, United States of America;

WHEREAS, the Freeman Asian Scholarship is a full scholarship grant worth three hundred thousand American dollars (USD 300,000) awarded annually to only eleven (11) academically exceptional students from Asian countries which include China, Hongkong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam;
WHEREAS, Mr. Alagon holds the distinction of being the first and only Filipino to be awarded with the prestigious Freeman Asian Scholarship this year;

WHEREAS, such international recognition obtained by Aldrean Alagon is another enviable achievement which raised the Filipino pride and clearly brought international prestige to the country and the nation at large, and served as an inspiration to many young and impoverished Filipinos to do their best in their studies and to keep believing in themselves and in their dreams, and that poverty is never a hindrance to success for those who dream and work hard to realize those dreams;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate and commend Aldrean Paul Elvira Alagon for being awarded the prestigious Freeman Asian Scholarship at the Wesleyan University in Connecticut, United States of America;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished Mr. Alagon and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED);

RESOLVED FINALLY, That, a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Wesleyan University in Connecticut, United States of America for its appropriate recognition of the achievement and example of Mr. Alagon.

Adopted,