Committee Report No. 412

Submitted by the Defeat COVID-19 Ad-Hoc Committee on Aug 12 2020

Re: House Resolution No. 1132

Recommending its adoption, in substitution of House Resolution Nos. 878, 836, 843, 893, 894, 895, and 932.

Sponsors: Reps. Cayetano (A.P.), Romualdez (F.), Tan (A.) and Garin (J.)

Mr. Speaker:

The Defeat COVID-19 Ad-Hoc Committee to which was referred House Resolution No. 878 introduced by Rep. Angelina “Helen” D.L. Tan, M.D., entitled:

“RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE HIGHEST APPRECIATION AND PROFOUND GRATITUDE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ALL HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND FRONTLINERS WHO COURAGEOUSLY AND UNSELFISHLY RENDERED THEIR SERVICES TO THE FILIPINO NATION IN ITS FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19”

House Resolution No. 836 introduced by Rep. Ron. P. Salo, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION
COMMENDING THE FRONTLINERS AND ESSENTIAL WORKERS IN THE PHILIPPINES FOR THEIR INVALUABLE AND HEROIC SERVICES IN THE TIME OF THE COVID-19 GLOBAL PANDEMIC”
House Resolution No. 843 introduced by Rep. Rose Marie “Baby” J. Arenas, entitled:

“RESOLUTION

House Resolution No. 893 introduced by Rep. Aleta C. Suarez, entitled:

“RESOLUTION
HONORING AND COMMENDING THE HEROISM, STRENGTH, AND DEVOTION OF OUR DOCTORS, NURSES, ALLIED MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, AND OTHER HEALTH CARE WORKERS AND THEIR EXCEPTIONAL WORK AND ULTIMATE SACRIFICE TO SAVE LIVES DURING THE COVID-19 HEALTH CRISIS”

House Resolution No. 894 introduced by Rep. Aleta C. Suarez, entitled:

“RESOLUTION
HONORING AND COMMENDING THE HEROISM, STRENGTH, BRAVERY, AND DEDICATION OF OUR DOCTORS, NURSES, ALLIED MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, AND OTHER HEALTH CARE WORKERS FOR THEIR WORK AND SACRIFICE TO SAVE LIVES DURING THE COVID-19 HEALTH CRISIS”

House Resolution No. 895 introduced by Rep. Aleta C. Suarez, entitled:

“RESOLUTION
HONORING AND COMMENDING THE COMMITMENT, BRAVERY, AND HARD WORK OF ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EMPLOYEES WHO SERVED AS FRONT LINERS DURING THE COVID-19 HEALTH CRISIS”

and House Resolution No. 932 introduced by Rep. John Marvin “Yul Servo” C. Nieto, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION
COMMENDING HEALTHCARE WORKERS, FRONTLINERS, AND ESSENTIAL WORKERS FOR THEIR VALIANT EFFORTS IN SERVING THE FILIPINOS AND WHOLE COUNTRY DURING COVID-19 GLOBAL PANDEMIC”

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has considered the same and recommends the adoption of House Resolution No. 1132, entitled:

“RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE HIGHEST APPRECIATION AND PROFOUND GRATITUDE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ALL FILIPINO HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND FRONTLINERS WHO COURAGEOUSLY AND UNSELFISHLY RENDER SERVICES TO THE NATION AND ACROSS THE GLOBE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19”

Respectfully submitted,

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1132
(In Substitution of House Resolutions Numbered 878, 836, 843, 893, 894, 895, and 932)


RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE HIGHEST APPRECIATION AND PROFOUNGR GRATITUDE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ALL FILIPINO HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND FRONTLINERS WHO COURAGEOUSLY AND UNSELFISHLY RENDER THEIR SERVICES TO THE NATION AND ACROSS THE GLOBE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922, declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to the COVID-19 outbreak;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 Proclamation No. 929 was issued, declaring a state of calamity all over the Philippines, imposing enhanced-community quarantine (ECQ) measures in the entire Luzon Island, and enjoining all government agencies and local government units to intensify the country’s response in preventing the transmission of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act 11469 which authorizes the President to carry out tasks necessary to mitigate, if not contain the transmission of COVID-19, the President subsequently imposed ECQ measures in high risk areas and general community quarantine (GCQ) measures in low-risk and medium-risk areas in the Visayas and Mindanao Islands upon the recommendation of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID);
WHEREAS, mass gatherings have been prohibited, work and classes suspended, and all means of public transportation put on hold since the imposition of ECQs and GCQs in various parts of the country;

WHEREAS, social distancing measures have likewise been imposed, restricting the movement of the majority of the people to their homes, except for those providing services in the frontline of health, emergency, public order and security, and border control, as well as those who provide essential services and goods to the people;

WHEREAS, amidst the lingering suffering and despair of the people, and notwithstanding the ominous dangers that the rapidly spreading COVID-19 virus poses upon them and their families, countless and nameless brave and selfless individuals have valiantly responded to the call of duty to save lives and spare the nation from the devastation of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, doctors, nurses, medical technologists, barangay health workers and allied health professionals and workers serving in private and public hospitals and facilities, as well as in communities, within and outside of the Philippines, have placed their own lives in peril;

WHEREAS, members of the military and police force; national and local government frontline officials and employees; media personnel; civil society organizations; factory workers; garbage collectors; as well as those manning the airports, groceries, banks, food establishments, and delivery services, among other essential service providers, courageously stand in the frontlines of the country’s war against COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives welcomes the issuance of Proclamation No. 976, declaring the year 2020 as the “Year of Filipino Health Workers” and the declaration by the World Health Organization (WHO) of 2020 as the “International Year of the Nurse and Midwife,” in recognition of their vital role in achieving sustainable development goals and universal health care;

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives recognizes the heroism of those who have sacrificed their lives to save the sick and afflicted, watch over the populace, and provided essential services to the people above and beyond the call of duty;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives to express its highest appreciation and profound gratitude to all Filipino healthcare workers and frontliners who courageously and unselfishly render their services to the nation and across the globe, in the fight against COVID-19.

Adopted.