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RESOLUTION NO. 31

**RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS FACULTY  
OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY ON ITS SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY  
AND COMMENDING ITS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL AND HEALTHCARE EDUCATIONAL  
INSTITUTIONS IN THE COUNTRY**

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 17 of the Constitution mandates that the State shall "give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development";

WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 14 of the Constitution states that the "sustained development of a reservoir of national talents consisting of Filipino scientists, entrepreneurs, professionals, managers, high-level technical manpower and skilled workers and craftsmen in all fields shall be promoted by the State";

WHEREAS, considered as the oldest existing Catholic medical school, the University of Santo Tomas (UST) Faculty of Medicine and Surgery (FMS) was originally founded on 28 May 1871;

WHEREAS, the faculty is a certified Center of Excellence in the field of medical education by the Commission on Higher Education. UST-FMS has been recognized as a regional hub for international medical training and conferences;

WHEREAS, the UST-FMS is one of the top five performing medical schools in the Philippines, and consistently produces topnotchers in the Medical Boards and more than 400 new physicians yearly;

WHEREAS, UST emerged as the Second Top Performing School in the March 2021 Physician Licensure Examinations administered by the Professional Regulation Commission. Fifty-three (53) graduates from the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery's Doctor of Medicine program successfully passed the PLE and recorded a passing rate of 88.33%;

WHEREAS, the faculty is also the alma mater of several Secretaries of Health of the Philippines and several Presidents of the Philippine Medical Association, and has produced countless hospital administrators, medical directors, clinical specialists, and medical professors in the country;



WHEREAS, the UST-FMS also ranked as the only Asian medical school to be in the top ten list of foreign medical institutions by the U. S. Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates in 2007;

WHEREAS, the faculty's Research Center for the Health Sciences is involved in multiple research projects addressing immediate national and global health problems which aims to make a difference in promoting health and health equity in the Philippines;

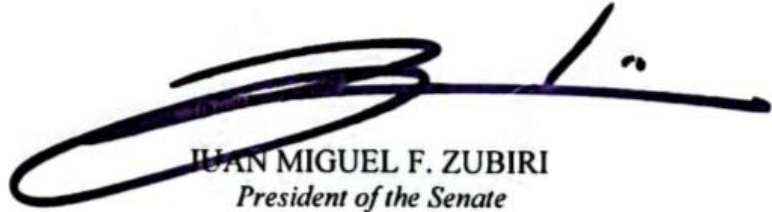
WHEREAS, the institution is known to have trained and instilled in medical learners the values of compassion and service, particularly to the underprivileged who need medical attention, as evidenced by its various community development activities, including countless medical missions;

WHEREAS, in preparation for its 150<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary, with the theme "Continue, Challenge, and Conquer", the UST Faculty of Medicine and Surgery has renewed its commitment to the development and formation of competent, compassionate, and committed Thomasian physicians in the delivery of health care services of global standards and in accord with the needs of the nation: Now therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To congratulate the University of Santo Tomas Faculty of Medicine and Surgery on its Sesquicentennial Anniversary, and commending its invaluable contribution to the development of medical and healthcare educational institutions in the country.*

*Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the administrators and members of the University of Santo Tomas Faculty of Medicine and Surgery.*

Adopted,



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI  
*President of the Senate*

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on December 5, 2022.



RENATO N. BANTUG Jr.  
*Secretary of the Senate*