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RESOLUTION
COMMENDING THE TOPNOTCHERS IN THE 2011 BAR
EXAMINATION WHO HAVE ACHIEVED THEIR ASPIRATIONS
THROUGH THEIR EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE THEREBY SERVING
AS MODELS FOR THE FILIPINO YOUTH IN THE PROMOTION OF A
CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE IN OUR COUNTRY

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides 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, the Bar Examination is the government licensure examination for lawyers under the direction and supervision of the Supreme Court;

WHEREAS, the Bar Examination is held annually, and for the year 2011 it featured for the first time Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs);

WHEREAS, the result of the 2011 Bar Examination was released on February 29, 2012;

WHEREAS, a total of 1,913 bar candidates out of the 5,990 examinees passed the exams for a 31.95% passing percentage;

WHEREAS, through their dedication, diligence, focus, determination, confidence, and intelligence, the following examinees did not only pass the 2011 Bar Examination but also topped it by garnering the ten (10) highest grades, namely:

1. Raoul Angelo Atadero, *Ateneo de Manila University* - 85.53%
2. Luz Bolong, *Ateneo de Manila University*- 84.55%
3. Cherry Liez Rafal-Roble, *Arellano University* - 84.45%
4. Rosemil Bañaga, *Notre Dame of Cotabato City* - 84.12%
5. Christian Louie Gonzales, *University of Santo Tomas* - 84.09%
6. Ivan Bandal, *Silliman University* - 84.09%
7. Irene Acosta, *San Beda College* - 84.06%
8. Irene Cua, *Ateneo de Manila University*- 84.05%

9. Elaine Laceda, *De La Salle University – Far Eastern University MBA-JD-*
84.04%
10. Rodolfo Aquino, *San Beda College* - 83.72%

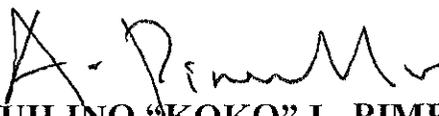
WHEREAS, the heroic efforts of these topnotchers can serve as inspiration not only to law students but to the entire youth and student population of our country, on how to achieve their aspirations through hard work, dedication, and excellence;

WHEREAS, one key to sustaining national progress is for the government to nurture and inculcate a culture of excellence among our youth;

WHEREAS, by recognizing the achievements of our Bar Examination topnotchers for the year 2011, we help in the promotion of a culture of excellence in our country by giving credit and honor where these are due;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT THE 2011 BAR EXAMINATION TOPNOTCHERS, NAMELY, (1) RAOUL ANGELO ATADERO, (2) LUZ BOLONG, (3) CHERRY LIEZ RAFAL-ROBLE, (4) ROSEMIL BAÑAGA, (5) CHRISTIAN LOUIE GONZALES, (6) IVAN BANDAL, (7) IRENE ACOSTA, (8) IRENE CUA, (9) ELAINE LACEDA, AND (10) RODOLFO AQUINO, BE CONGRATULATED AND COMMENDED BY THE SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

Adopted,


AQUILINO "KOKO" L. PIMENTEL III