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**Introduced by Senators Juan Miguel F. Zubiri and Joel Villanueva**

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**RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY ON ITS SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY AND FOR ITS CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH CARE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE COUNTRY**

**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 17 of the 1987 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 1987 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**, the University of Santo Tomas (UST) Faculty of Medicine and Surgery (FMS) was originally founded on 28 May 1871, and is the oldest existing Catholic medical school in the Philippines;

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

**WHEREAS**, the UST-FMS is ranked as one of the top five performing medical schools in the Philippines, contributing more than 400 new physicians yearly and topping the Medical Boards consistently;

**WHEREAS**, the UST emerged as the Second Top Performing School in the March 2021 physician licensure examinations administered by the Professional Regulation Commission, with 53 graduates from the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery's Doctor of Medicine program, making the cut and posting an 88.33% passing rate for UST;

**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 was 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 UST-FMS is the home of the biggest number of medical students in the country with more than 500 medical learners per year level;

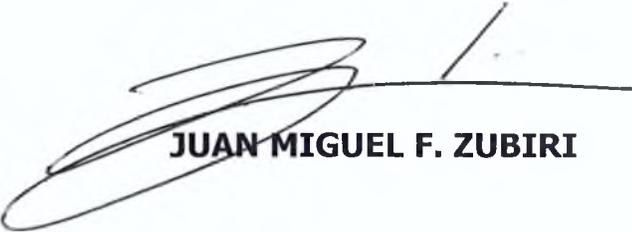
**WHEREAS,** the institution is known to have trained and instilled in medical learners the values of compassion and service, particularly to the underprivileged who need medical attention, as evidenced by its various community development activities, including countless medical missions;

**WHEREAS,** in preparation for its 150th 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,*** as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and commend the University of Santo Tomas Faculty of Medicine and Surgery on its Sesquicentennial or 150th Anniversary, and for its considerable contribution to the development of medical and health care 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**

  
**JOEL VILLANUEVA**