

Republic of the Philippines
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RESOLUTION NO. 77

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH (DOH) FOR ITS EXEMPLARY
EFFORTS IN PROVIDING OUR COUNTRY
WITH THE BEST CHILD HEALTH CARE
AMONG FIFTY-FIVE (55) DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the Constitution provides: "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

WHEREAS, the Save the Children Organization, a United States-based humanitarian group providing children with basic health care has reportedly cited the Philippines for having chalked up the highest record of delivery of basic health care services among fifty-five (55) developing countries;

WHEREAS, based on the report, the Philippines now has the smallest proportion (31 percent) of children under the age of five (5) who did not receive basic health care with Peru (32 percent) as second, South Africa (32 percent) as third, and Indonesia and Turkey (35 percent) as fourth;

WHEREAS, the organization attributed the exemplary performance of the country to the Department of Health (DOH) headed by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III and support from the United States Agency for International Development;

WHEREAS, the report added that the Philippines and Peru have been successful in vaccinating children and treating them for critical diseases compared to the other developing nations;


WHEREAS, the ranking was based on data that included immunization against childhood diseases such as malaria and tetanus, access to treatment for leading childhood killers, such as diarrhea and pneumonia, pre-natal care and other factors;

WHEREAS, the Save the Children report covers immunizations, oral rehydration therapy to treat life-threatening diarrhea, and breastfeeding to improve early childhood nutrition;


WHEREAS, the report further emphasized that the Philippines has one of the lowest new born mortality cases in the developing world at fifteen per one thousand live births with sixty percent (60%) of births assisted by trained personnel, however, the progress in the Philippines child care report has favored the best-off children: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To commend, as it hereby commends, the Department of Health (DOH) for its exemplary efforts in providing our country with the best child health care among fifty-five (55) developing countries.

Adopted,


MANNY VILLAR
R President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on
May 28, 2008.


EMMA LIRIO-REYES
Secretary of the Senate
