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RESOLUTION No. 34

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE
PONTIFICAL AND ROYAL UNIVERSITY OF
SANTO TOMAS (UST), THE CATHOLIC
UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, ON ITS
QUADRICENTENNIAL YEAR OF EDUCATING
AND TRANSFORMING THE YOUTH INTO
COMPETENT AND COMPASSIONATE
FILIPINOS IN THE SERVICE OF GOD AND
COUNTRY

WHEREAS, the University of Santo Tomas (UST), founded in 1611 through the initiative of Bishop Miguel de Benavides, O.P., the third Archbishop of Manila, is the oldest existing university in the Philippines and in Asia;

WHEREAS, the largest Catholic university in the world in a single campus in terms of student population, UST

comprises of basic education units, and several faculties, colleges, schools and institutes, each conferring undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate degrees, some of which have been accredited by the Commission on Higher Education as Centers of Excellence and Centers of Development;

WHEREAS, first called Colegio de Nuestra Señora del Santisimo Rosario, and later renamed Colegio de Santo Tomas in memory of the foremost Dominican Theologian, St. Thomas Aquinas, it was elevated to a university by Pope Innocent X on November 20, 1645, granted the status of a "Royal University" by King Charles III of Spain in 1784, made a "Pontifical University" by Pope Leo XIII on September 17, 1902, the second university in the world to be granted the formal title of Pontifical University, and was subsequently bestowed the title of "The Catholic University of the Philippines" by Pope Pius XII in 1947;

WHEREAS, through four centuries, UST has remained committed to its purpose of educating the young men and women of the Philippines, disrupted only during the Philippine Revolution and the Filipino-American War, and during World War II when the Japanese Occupation Forces converted the campus into an internment camp;

WHEREAS, UST's contribution to the development of the Filipino nation is attested by the fact that it is the alma mater of four Filipino heroes, namely, Dr. Jose P. Rizal, Emilio Jacinto, Marcelo H. del Pilar and Apolinario Mabini, and other notable alumni in various fields of discipline;

WHEREAS, UST's Faculty of Civil Law, the oldest lay faculty in the Philippines established to train lawyers dedicated to the pursuit of truth and justice, had produced Philippine Presidents Manuel Luis Quezon, Sergio Osmeña, Jose P. Laurel and Diosdado Macapagal; patriots and nationalists Claro M. Recto and Fernando Ma. Guerrero; and several Chief Justices of the Supreme Court, as well as notable jurists, lawmakers, statesmen, and legal luminaries;

WHEREAS, UST's Faculty of Medicine and Surgery is now recognized as Center of Excellence in medical education, an institution dedicated to provide the country with doctors armed with the commitment to serve the Filipino with quality and compassionate health services;

WHEREAS, actualizing the professional and moral formation of its students, and effecting social transformation, inspired with the ideals of its founding fathers, UST envisions itself as a globally recognized institution of higher learning and dedicates itself to the pursuit of truth through the production, advancement, and transmission of knowledge for the formation of competent and compassionate professionals, committed to the service of the Church, the nation, and the world;

WHEREAS, now on its quadricentennial year, UST aims to reaffirm its commitment to education by contributing more to the overall development of the marginalized communities, particularly the indigenous peoples by increasing their educational opportunities through adult education and Distance Education for the Marginalized Program under the University Community Development Program: Now, therefore, be it


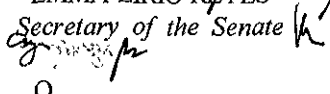
Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To congratulate, as it hereby congratulates, the Pontifical and Royal University of Santo Tomas (UST), the Catholic University of the Philippines, on its quadricentennial year of educating and transforming the youth into competent and compassionate Filipinos in the service of God and country.

Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the University of Santo Tomas (UST).

Adopted,


 JUAN PONCE ENRILE
 President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 15, 2011.


 EMMA LIRIO-REYES
 Secretary of the Senate

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