

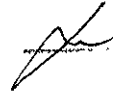
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**RESOLUTION**  
**RECOMMENDING THE DOUBLING OF THE APPROPRIATION FOR**  
**HEALTH RESEARCH AND PROGRAMS FOR THEIR COMMERCIAL**  
**APPLICATION**

*Whereas*, Article XIII, Section 12 of the Philippine Constitution states, "The State shall establish xxx and undertake appropriate health manpower development and research, responsive to the country's health needs and problems";

*Whereas*, health experts have cited the direct correlation between investments in research and a country's health status, progress and productivity;

*Whereas*, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) mandates that 2% of the national budget for health should be allocated to research;

*Whereas*, according to the Philippine Council for Health Research Development (PCHRD), only 0.1 to 0.3 % of the health budget is devoted to health research & development;

*Whereas*, PCHRD also declared that in terms of research ethics, research utilization, research mobilization and research management, our country is way behind the rest of the world;

*Whereas*, Filipino health researchers are so talented that they are able to produce breakthroughs that contribute new knowledge, techniques, preventive strategies and pharmaceuticals;

*Whereas*, their efforts and findings are useless if they are not applied: Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to recommend the doubling of the appropriation for health research and programs for their commercial application.

Adopted,

  
MANNY VILLAR  
Senator