

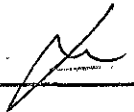
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INTRODUCED BY THE HONORABLE MAR ROXAS

A RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE ATENELO DE DAVAO UNIVERSITY LAW DEBATE TEAM FOR BEING THE CHAMPION IN THE SECOND SEASON OF THE ABS-CBN NEWS CHANNEL (ANC) SQUARE OFF LAW DEBATES ON 12 AUGUST 2009, BRINGING HONOR AND PRIDE NOT ONLY TO THEIR OWN UNIVERSITY BUT ALSO TO OTHER PROVINCIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, INSPIRING THEM TO EXCEL IN THEIR DIFFERENT FIELDS, AND INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS TO ISSUES OF NATIONAL CONCERN.

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 13 provides that, "the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs;"

WHEREAS, on 12 August 2009, the Ateneo de Davao Law Debate Team was declared as Champion in the second season of the *ABS-CBN News Channel (ANC) Square Off Law Debates* participated by top sixteen (16) law schools in the country, after successfully *defending their arguments in favor of the imposition of the Maximum Drug Retail Price;*

WHEREAS, the Ateneo de Davao Law Debate Team showed their prowess in legal argumentation by defending the imposition of the Maximum Drug Retail Price and how it operates as an immediate response to the urgent problem of lack of access to quality affordable medicines;

WHEREAS, the members of the Ateneo de Davao Law Debate Team are Ms. Therese Xyza Genelo, Mr. Vincent Juan, who was awarded Judges' Choice for Best Speaker, and Ms. Mariness Ledesma who was awarded Audience's Choice for Best Speaker, with Atty. Israelito Torreon, professor of law at Ateneo de Davao, as their coach;

WHEREAS, the Ateneo de Davao Law Debate Team has also recently won first place in the first Invitational International Humanitarian Law Debate held at the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City on 2 June 2009;

WHEREAS, these honors and achievements won by the Ateneo de Davao Law Debate Team show that our youth can excel in their respective fields, through well-counseled mentoring, and provides another source of inspiration to our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Philippine Senate commends the Ateneo de Davao University Law Debate Team for being the Champion in the second season of the ABS-CBN News Channel (ANC) Square Off Law Debates on 12 August 2009, bringing honor and pride not only to their own University but also to other *Provincial Educational Institutions, inspiring them to excel in their different fields, and increasing public awareness to issues of national concern.*

Adopted,


M A R ROXAS
Senator