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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

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**RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,**  
**IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED LOWER RANKINGS OF**  
**PHILIPPINE UNIVERSITIES IN THE 2013 QUACQUARELLI SYMONDS (QS)**  
**WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS**

*WHEREAS*, news reports state that the country's leading universities reflected a drop from their 2012 standings in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings as compared to their present 2013 standings in the latest QS ranking of the world's top eight hundred (800) universities;

*WHEREAS*, the University of the Philippines, the Ateneo de Manila University, the University of Santo Tomas, and De La Salle University again garnered positions amongst the top 800 universities according to the 2013 QS rankings;

*WHEREAS*, news reports show that only De La Salle University essentially maintained its position at rank 601-650, compared to its 601+ ranking in 2012, but the other universities reflected a drop in rankings with the University of the Philippines dropping to 380<sup>th</sup> place from 348<sup>th</sup> place, Ateneo de Manila University dropping to 501-550 rank from 451-500, and the University of Santo Tomas dropping to 701+ rank from its 601+ in 2012;

*WHEREAS*, QS reported that while the reputation of Philippine universities amongst international academics has grown over the past year, there has still been a decline in rankings because of the need to improve in certain academic indicators;

*WHEREAS*, QS identified two areas of improvement for Philippine universities, namely, an increased influence in research citations and an increased ability to attract international faculty;

*WHEREAS*, in view of the country's standing in the 2013 QS international rankings, legislative thrusts should look into improving state universities and colleges not only through sufficient funding or government subsidy grants, but also through the formulation of policies and safeguards that will help universities become internationally competitive amongst foreign counterparts, particularly in terms of research output and faculty excellence;

*WHEREAS*, an investment into the quality of higher education will cement the country's steady economic growth and will ensure the realization of our reputed potential as one of the emerging Asian Tigers;

**WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the proper senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the lower rankings of Philippine universities in the 2013 Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University rankings.

*Adopted,*



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*Senator*