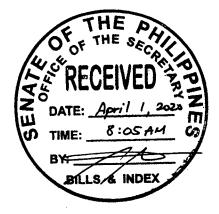
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## S E N A T E P.S. Res. No. <u>351</u>

## INTRODUCED BY SENATOR VICENTE C. SOTTO III

## RESOLUTION

## HONORING AND COMMENDING THE SACRIFICE, BRAVERY AND HEROISM OF THE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE HEALTHCARE PROFESSION AND ALL OTHER FRONTLINERS IN THE COVID-19 CRISIS

**WHEREAS,** on 9 March 2020, President Rodrigo Duterte declared a state of public health emergency in the Philippines through Proclamation No. 922 in order to mobilize governmental and non-governmental agencies to respond to the outbreak of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS,** as of 30 March 2020, the Department of Health reported a total of 1,546 cases of COVID-19 in the Philippines, with a total number of 42 recoveries and a total of 78 deaths;

WHEREAS, as of today, amongst the fatalities of this deadly virus are 13 selfless doctors who dedicated their lives to save others. Dr. Israel Bactol of the Philippine Heart Center, Dr. Rose Pulido of San Juan de Dios Hospital, Dr. Gregorio Macasaet III of Manila Doctors Hospital, Dr. Raul Jara of Philippine Heart Center, Dr. Henry Fernandez of Pangasinan Medical Society, Dr. Marcelo Jaochico of Pampanga Provincial Health Office, Dr. Raquel Seva of Evangelista Specialty Hospital, Dr. Hector Alvarez of Novaliches District Hospital, Dr. Sally Gatchalian which is the President of the Philippine Pediatric Society, Dr. Francisco Lukban of the Philippine General Hospital, Dr. Cenover "Nicko" Bautista of Mandaluyong City Medical Center, and spouses Dr. Dennis and Dr. Helen Tudtud of the Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center;

WHEREAS, the nation is grieving their loss and other frontliners who

chose to serve their countrymen, sacrificing their life in the process;

**WHEREAS,** it is imperative that measures be urgently taken to ensure the safety and well-being of our frontliners in the medical, allied and other fields in support to these gallant and selfless soldiers in this trying times;

**WHEREAS,** the supreme sacrifice of our doctors, nurses, and other frontliners in order to protect this nation against the COVID-19 pandemic should not be forgotten and deserves the highest commendation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Senate of the Philippines honors and commends the sacrifice, bravery and heroism of the men and women in the healthcare profession and all other frontliners in the present COVID-19 crisis.

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