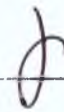


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RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING MAY PARSONS, THE NURSE WHO ADMINISTERED THE WORLD'S FIRST COVID-19 VACCINE AND RECIPIENT OF THE PRESTIGIOUS GEORGE CROSS AWARD, FOR REAFFIRMING THE PIVOTAL ROLE OF FILIPINO NURSES IN THE GLOBAL HEALTHCARE SCENE

1 WHEREAS, the Covid-19 pandemic highlighted the deficiencies in the Philippine
2 healthcare sector, but also reaffirmed the gallantry, selflessness, hard work and
3 dedication of Filipino healthcare workers, not only in the country but around the world;

4 WHEREAS, the rapid development of a vaccine against Covid-19 is truly a
5 historic scientific achievement and its first administration by a Filipina nurse based in
6 the United Kingdom is an honor to the country and to all Filipino nurses around the
7 world;

8 WHEREAS, May Parsons made history as the first person in the world to deliver
9 the first clinically-approved Covid-19 vaccination to a patient at the University Hospital
10 in Coventry, England on 08 December 2020 marking the deployment of the vaccine
11 globally¹;

12 WHEREAS, her momentous role earned her the George Cross Award from the
13 late Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Charles of England on 12 July 2020, which she
14 received in behalf of the United Kingdom's National Health Service (NHS) to which she
15 has been affiliated. The George Cross Award is the highest civil award given to honor
16 exceptional courage and heroism by non-military groups or individuals²;

¹ Dooc, M. (15 July 2022). *Nurse May Parsons: A modern-day shero.*
<https://businessmirror.com.ph/2022/07/15/nurse-may-parsons-a-modern-day-shero/>

² *Ibid.*

1 WHEREAS, Parsons is a nursing graduate of the University of Santo Tomas
2 (UST) in 2000 who, after three years of working at the UST hospital, left for the United
3 Kingdom to join the NHS. She has since been with the University Hospitals Coventry
4 and Warwickshire and is presently a Modern Matron for Respiratory Services³;

5 WHEREAS, Nurse Parsons recently completed her MSc Global Healthcare
6 Management at Coventry University as part of the first cohort on the Senior Leaders
7 Master’s Degree Apprenticeship⁴;

8 WHEREAS, at her graduation, she was bestowed with the Endeavour Award,
9 given to students who demonstrated skills and attributes that go “above and beyond”
10 throughout the course of their studies⁵;

11 WHEREAS, Parson’s historic role in this pandemic and the recognitions she
12 received thereafter echo the important role of Filipino nurses in the global healthcare
13 scene;

14 WHEREAS, Parson is truly an inspiration to the entire nursing profession for her
15 commitment to saving lives, best patient care, and overall better and healthier futures
16 for the communities she serves;

17 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of
18 the Philippines, to recognize and commend May Parsons, the nurse who administered
19 the world’s first Covid-19 vaccine and recipient of the prestigious George Cross award,
20 for reaffirming the pivotal role of Filipino nurses in the global healthcare scene.

Adopted,



GRACE POE

³ Dooc, M. (15 July 2022). *Nurse May Parsons: A modern-day shero.*
<https://businessmirror.com.ph/2022/07/15/nurse-may-parsons-a-modern-day-shero/>
⁴ CoventryLive. (26 November 2022). *History-making Coventry nurse receives special university honour.*
<https://www.coventrytelegraph.net/news/coventry-news/history-making-coventry-nurse-receives-25568445>
⁵ *Ibid.*