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Congress of the Philippines

Senate

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RESOLUTION NO. 32

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING
MAY RICHELL A. CESTINA-PARSONS FOR
RECEIVING THE PRESTIGIOUS GEORGE CROSS
AWARD FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM
GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, on 08 December 2020, May Richell A. Cestina-Parsons, a Filipino-British nurse at the University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Truct (UHCW), gave the first dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine to then 90-year-old Margaret Keenan, making Ms. Cestina-Parsons the first

person, not only in the United Kingdom (UK), but in the entire world, to administer a COVID-19 vaccine to a patient outside of a clinical trial;

WHEREAS, due to the said event, Ms. Cestina-Parsons received the prestigious George Cross Award on 12 July 2022, in behalf of the National Health Service (NHS) and its 1.5 million health care workers, from Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Charles;

WHEREAS, the George Cross Award is the highest civilian award bestowed to civilians by the Windsor Castle. The Award was given in honor of the NHS staff's "*courage, compassion, dedication and bravery despite personal dangers*". It was the third time the George Cross was given in its seventy-four (74) years of conferment;

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

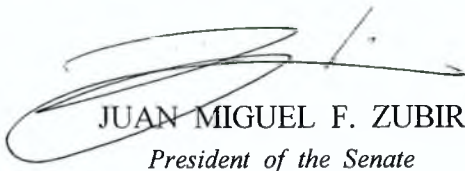
WHEREAS, Ms. Cestina-Parsons recently completed her MSc Global Healthcare Management at Coventry University as part of the first cohort on the Senior Leaders Master's Degree Apprenticeship;

WHEREAS, at her graduation, she was bestowed with the Endeavour Award, given to students who demonstrated skills and attributes that go "above and beyond" throughout the course of their studies;

WHEREAS, given the honor that Ms. Cestina-Parsons has brought the country by playing a key role in the roll-out of COVID-19 vaccines, she is a pride for Filipino nurses and Filipinos around the world: Now therefore, be it

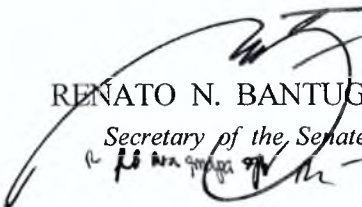
Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To recognize and commend May Richell A. Cestina-Parsons for receiving the prestigious George Cross Award from the United Kingdom government.

Adopted,



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on December 7, 2022.



RENATO N. BANTUG Jr.
Secretary of the Senate

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