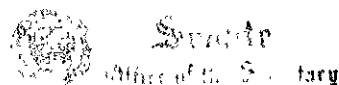


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**RESOLUTION  
TO ALLOCATE AT LEAST FIFTY PERCENT OF  
THE PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND  
OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND TO APPROPRIATE THESE FUNDS  
TO STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS,  
FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, CLASSROOMS, COMPUTERS, TEACHER TRAINING,  
AND OTHER ACTIVITIES, TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO AND QUALITY OF  
EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS**, in 1990, the Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) was established to enable Senators and Representatives to identify worthy development projects for communities that the Local Government Units may not be able to afford;

**WHEREAS**, it has been reported by no less than the Commission on Audit that these funds have been gravely abused and subject to corruption;

**WHEREAS**, the Filipino people have clamored for the funds' abolition in order to stem the corruption and stop the misdirection and misuse of said funds, and instead to utilize the monies in significant economic and social services;

**WHEREAS**, these funds, if channeled to the sector of society of greatest need, and subjected to strict check-and-balance parameters, can indeed do a world of good in improving public and social services in the country;

**WHEREAS**, education is one of these sectors of greatest need in our society, where the country only spends 2.8% of its GDP on education, way below the UNICEF standard of 6%;

**WHEREAS**, for the past 3 years, Philippine universities have consistently fallen out of top university rankings worldwide,

**WHEREAS**, in 2013 the QS World University Asia rankings only five (5) Philippine universities made it to the list, only two (2) of which were State Universities;

**WHEREAS**, a recent study commissioned by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) on the different assistance programs being implemented revealed that the student financial assistance programs (STUFAPS) are meager and fragmented;

**WHEREAS**, the same study also showed that STUFAPs have assisted only around 60,000 students in 2011 or about 2% of approximately 2.7 million students;

**WHEREAS**, according to CHED, only 34% of public higher education institutions (HEIs) have adequate facilities:

**WHEREAS**, the CHED also laments the inadequate faculty credentials of our HEIs, with only 10% of the faculty population with doctorate degrees, and a huge 54% teaching with only a Bachelor's degree:

**WHEREAS**, these deficiencies can be addressed with the proper and directed funding mechanisms;

**WHEREAS**, Senators' Priority Development Assistance Fund, averaging Php4.8 billion every year, when spent on the educational needs of their constituents can produce significant improvements in both access to and quality of education.

**WHEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Philippine Senate to allocate at least fifty percent of the Priority Development Assistance Fund of the members of the Senate and to appropriate these funds to State Universities and Colleges, and public schools, for scholarships, classrooms, computers, teacher training, and other activities, to improve access to and quality of education.

*Adopted,*

  
**JUAN EDGARDO "SONNY" M. ANGARA**