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Introduced by Senator Poe

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING ANDREY MACABUHAY FOR BEING A PARAGON OF HONESTY DESPITE HARDSHIPS EXPERIENCED BY HIS FAMILY, WHEN HE, WITHOUT HESITATION, RETURNED MONEY THAT DID NOT BELONG TO HIM

WHEREAS, Section 13, Article 2 of the Constitution provides: "The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs";

WHEREAS, various reports praised 13-year old Andrey Macabuhay for returning Php7,000 that he saw fall out of a man's pocket;

WHEREAS, Andrey, who works as a "parking boy" in Sta. Maria, Bulacan, reportedly did not hesitate to chase after Dindo Lorenzo, the owner of the money, and return such to him;

WHEREAS, during an interview with an online news outfit, Andrey claimed that he did not even think of bringing the money home to his sick parents and that he had never stole money to feed his family no matter how hard life was for them;

WHEREAS, as a reward for his good deed, Lorenzo gave Andrey a small amount of cash;

WHEREAS, it was reported that the Immaculate Conception Institutions also rewarded Andrey with a full scholarship worth Php400,000, which included expenses for his allowance, uniform, books, and lunch;

WHEREAS, the school also gave a small amount of money to Andrey's family as additional capital for their small *sari-sari* store;

WHEREAS, according to the school, they admired Andrey's honesty and values, and they believe that the boy could serve as a role model not only to his generation but also to older people;

WHEREAS, Andrey is the youngest of six siblings and despite his young age, has to work for a living, because the earnings of his mother as a vegetable vendor is not enough to meet the living expenses of the family; Macabuhay's father, on the other hand,

was a construction worker who had to stop working due to impaired vision caused by cataracts;

WHEREAS, although poor and an out-of-school youth, Andrey is able to distinguish right from wrong; thus, proving that no matter the age, stature in life, or appearance, a person can still remain morally upright and virtuous;

WHEREAS, Andrey's story also proves that, despite these trying times, the youth can still be relied on to create a better future for our country;

BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Philippines, to commend Andrey Macabuhay for being a paragon of honesty despite hardships experienced by his family, when he, without hesitation, returned money that did not belong to him.

Adopted,


GRACE POE
