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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 1-08 1- 3-1999

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS (DECS), THROUGH THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DIVISION OF CITY SCHOOLS, QUEZON CITY, TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF RE-USING ENGLISH AS A MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION IN ALL CLASSES AND WHILE INSIDE THE SCHOOL CAMPUS/PREMISES TO UPGRADE THE USE OF ENGLISH IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Introduced by Councilor WILMA AMORANTO-SARINO.

WHEREAS, no less than the new Secretary of Education, Brother Andrew Gonzales, had observed that one-fifth of high school students, a million of them, cannot speak English due to lack of interest in learning English or to teachers who are themselves not proficient in the language;

WHEREAS, what is surprising, these high school students who can speak great English, hundred of thousands of them, came from prestigious private schools and had the advantage over those who came from public schools, more particularly in getting good jobs;

WHEREAS, English has become the universal language of trade and commerce and it is the moral obligation and civic duty of all government officials, specifically in Quezon City, to help and push for the upgrading of English in public schools in line with the national government program against illiteracy among Filipinos in order to become globally competitive;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby strongly urge, the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS), through the Superintendent of the division of City Schools, Quezon City to study the possibility of re-using English as a medium of instruction in all classes and while inside the school campus/premises to upgrade the use of English in public schools.

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RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Division of City Schools Superintendent of Quezon City, for information and appropriate action.

ADOPTED:

January 26, 1999.

MA. FRESCA M. BIGLANG-AWA Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

EUGENIO Y. JURILLA City Council Secretary

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