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RESOLUTION NO. ~~SP-1189~~, S-99

A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION TO DEFER CONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICATION/PETITION FOR TUITION FEE INCREASE FOR SY 1999-2000 OF ALL PRIVATE SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OPERATING WITHIN QUEZON CITY.

Introduced by Councilors ERIC Z. MEDINA, WINSTON "Winnie" T. CASTELO, ROMMEL R. ABESAMIS, VINCENT P. CRISOLOGO, ELIZABETH A. DELARMENTE, MA. FRESCA M. BIGLANG-AWA, MARCIANO P. MEDALLA JORGE L. BANAL, EUFEMIO C. LAGUMBAY, JULIAN M.L. COSETENG, FERNANDO V. AVANZADO, ANTHONY C. CASTELO and ALMARIO E. FRANCISCO.

WHEREAS, most of the private schools, colleges and universities are applying for tuition fee increase for SY 1999-2000 with the Commission on Higher Education;

WHEREAS, due to frequent increase of tuition fee, the legitimate students of the said schools belonging to different school organizations and mostly residents of Quezon City had asked the Quezon City Council to interfere/intervene in their behalf for the deferment of its application for tuition fee increase, based on the following grounds such as high cost of living, increased rate of unemployment, economic crisis and financial difficulties experienced by all sectors of society;

WHEREAS, education is a moral and legal obligation not only of the government but also of all educational institutions, which are considered indispensable partner toward economic recovery, by making education within reach or accessible to every Filipino citizens in consonance with the pronouncement of no less than His Excellency, President Joseph Ejercito Estrada that "Knowledge as an antidote against ignorance will help us accelerate national development";

WHEREAS, the youth being considered future leaders of the country should be accorded equal opportunity and freedom to pursue a profession or career with less burden and that the increase of tuition fee at this point in time will have a devastating effect not only on the students who are already in higher years but also to incoming freshmen who wish to gain a degree on computer education;

WHEREAS, it is within the province of the City Council's power and authority to hear, investigate and undertake appropriate action in case of complaint filed by any resident of Quezon City against any business activity, prejudicial or disadvantageous to the general interest and welfare of constituents, as their duly elected representatives;

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WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 1 of the New Constitution, explicitly provides, that: "The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate step to make such education accessible to all;"


WHEREAS, some of these schools admitted the existence of financial difficulties faced by the families of some students enrolled, thus, extending financial assistance up to fifty percent (50%) of their assessment thru students loan program;

NOW, THEREFORE,


BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge the Commission on Higher Education to defer consideration of the application/petition for tuition fee increase for Sy 1999-2000 of all private schools, colleges and universities operating within Quezon City.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that copy of this Resolution be immediately forwarded to the Commission on Higher Education for information and appropriate action.

ADOPTED : May 25, 1999.


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ATTESTED :


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary