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RESOLUTION NO. SP-1895, S-2002

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY OPPOSING THE DISCRIMINATION OF SOME PRIVATE SCHOOLS AGAINST THE CHILDREN OF SINGLE PARENTS WHO ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ENROLL IN SAID SCHOOLS AND ARE DENIED THEREFORE OF THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF EQUAL ACCESS TO THE OPPORTUNITIES OF EDUCATION.

Introduced by Councilors VOLTAIRE GODOFREDO L. LIBAN III, WILMA AMORANTO-SARINO, ELIZABETH A. DELARMENTE, BERNADETTE HERRERA-DY, AIKO MELENDEZ-YLLANA, MARY ANN L. SUSANO, DIORELLA MARIA SOTTO-DE LEON, ALMA F. MONTILLA, VINCENT P. CRISOLOGO, VICTOR V. FERRER, JR., ALLAN "BUTCH" T. FRANCISCO, JORGE L. BANAL, JULIAN M.L. COSETENG, WENCEROM BENEDICT C. LAGUMBAY, DANTE M. DE GUZMAN, JESUS MANUEL C. SUNTAY, ANTONIO E. INTON, JR., RICARDO R. DEL ROSARIO and RESTITUTO B. MALAÑGEN.

WHEREAS, there are reports that some private schools are discriminating against the children of single parents who are refused enrollment in said schools simply because of their status as such children of single parents;

WHEREAS, said children are the innocent victims of the sad circumstances relating to status of their parents over which they have no control;

WHEREAS, it is unfair, unjust, and inequitable to let said children suffer by reason of the separation or estrange relationship of their parents of which they are innocent;

WHEREAS, equal access to the opportunities of education without discrimination is guaranteed by our Constitution;

WHEREAS, such discriminatory practice of some private schools in denying the children of single parents the right to enroll in their schools, should not be allowed to continue, and must be sanctioned by the proper authorities;

WHEREAS, the Department of Education, Culture and Sports has no clear-cut policy on the matter;

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WHEREAS, there is a felt need for the honorable members of the Quezon City Council to express their individual and collective sentiments in opposition to such discriminatory activities of some private schools, and for said Council to strongly send home the message that it cannot stand idle without raising its voice in opposition to any violation of the Constitution particularly in the area which guarantees freedom and equality of access to education.

NOW, THEREFORE,

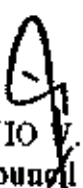
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, to oppose, as it does hereby strongly oppose, the discrimination of some private schools against the children of single parents who are not allowed to enroll in said schools and are denied therefore of their constitutional right of equal access to the opportunities of education.


RESOLVED, FURTHER, to urge, as it does hereby urge, the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) to look into the matter and act accordingly.

RESOLVED, FINALLY, to send a copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, the Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education, the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights and the Head of the Bureau of Private Education.

ADOPTED: October 15, 2002.


ATTESTED:


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary


VICTOR V. FERRER, JR.
President Pro-Tempore
Acting Presiding Officer

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution which was APPROVED on Second Reading on October 15, 2002, was CONFIRMED by the City Council on November 19, 2002.


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary