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RESOLUTION NO. SP-_____, S-2016

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY EXPRESSING SUPPORT TO THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL NO. 996, ENTITLED "AN ACT INSTITUTING INCLUSIVE EDUCATION AND ESTABLISHING SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS DIVISIONS, PROVIDING FOR STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR".

Introduced by Councilor ROGELIO "ROGER" P. JUAN.
Co-Introduced by Councilors Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Oliviere T. Belmonte, Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, Estrella C. Valmocina, Roderick M. Paulate, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Kate Abigail G. Coseteng, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Franz S. Pumaren, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Marra C. Suntay, Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Julianne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co-Pilar, Diorella Maria G. Sotto, Donato C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina and Ricardo B. Corpuz.

WHEREAS, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that, "The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all". It likewise endows that the State shall establish maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society, and provide adult citizens, the disabled, and out-of-school youth with training in civics, vocational efficiency, and other skills";

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise known as the "Magna Carta for Disabled Persons" provides that, "The State shall ensure that disabled persons are provided with access to quality education and ample opportunities to develop their skills. It shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all disabled persons". It likewise mandates the State to take into consideration the special requirements of disabled persons in the formulation of educational policies and programs. It shall encourage learning institutions to take into account the special needs of disabled persons with respect to the use of school facilities, class schedules, physical education requirements, and other pertinent consideration;

WHEREAS, the same law specifically provides that, "the Department of Education, Culture and Sports shall establish special education classes in public schools in cities, or municipalities. It shall also establish, where viable, Braille and Record Libraries in provinces, cities or municipalities";

WHEREAS, Senator Sherwin T. Gatchalian filed Senate Bill No. 996, entitled "An Act Instituting Inclusive Education and Establishing Special Education Centers for Children and Youth with Special Needs In All Public Schools Divisions, Providing for Standards and Guidelines, and Appropriating Funds Therefor";

WHEREAS, the above-captioned Senate Bill seeks to provide quality education to Filipino children with special needs and build upon the existing infrastructure of its national public school system by establishing Special Education Centers (SPED Centers) in all public schools divisions nationwide which shall function as a resource center that will assist in promoting inclusive education to capacitate regular schools to effectively handle the needs of children and youth with disability;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government believes that in order to avoid discrimination among Person with Disabilities (PWDs) and/or People with Special Challenges students, there is a need for the public elementary schools and public high schools to adopt effective mechanisms to provide them with equal access and opportunities to quality education; ✓




WHEREAS, the City Government further recognizes the necessity of the establishment of SPED Centers in order to ultimately attain the integration of special education for children and youth with disability in our public education system which is indeed indispensable for their growth towards embellishment.

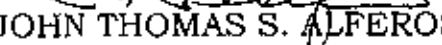
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to support, as it does hereby strongly support the passage of Senate Bill No. 996, entitled "An Act Instituting Inclusive Education and Establishing Special Education Centers for Children and Youth with Special Needs In All Public Schools Divisions, Providing for Standards and Guidelines, and Appropriating Funds Therefor".

ADOPTED: December 13, 2016.

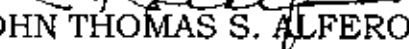

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on December 13, 2016 and was CONFIRMED on January 30, 2017.


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

