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Introduced by **HON. ALETA C. SUAREZ**

**RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE HEROISM, STRENGTH,
AND DEVOTION OF OUR DOCTORS, NURSES, ALLIED MEDICAL
PROFESSIONALS, AND OTHER HEALTH CARE WORKERS AND THEIR
EXCEPTIONAL WORK AND ULTIMATE SACRIFICE TO SAVE LIVES
DURING THE COVID-19 HEALTH CRISIS**

WHEREAS, the Philippines recorded its first case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in January 30, 2020, but prior to this, our health care workers and professionals—the doctors, nurses, allied medical professionals—have been on the front lines for the monitoring and treatment of patients for the 2019 coronavirus;

WHEREAS, up to present, thousands of Filipino health care workers and professionals in both public and private hospitals, within and outside the Philippines, continuously attend to and test patients who have been suspected of COVID-19, and treat those confirmed cases despite the highly infectious nature of this disease, the low supply of personal protective equipment, lack of COVID-ready facilities, and the unavailability of vaccine and drug of choice;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health reported that there are 2,315 health care workers who have contracted the disease, with 974 recoveries and 35 deaths, to date;

WHEREAS, among those who have died in the service are the following:

1. Dr. Raul Jara, Cardiologist, Philippine Heart Center
2. Dr. Israel Bactol, Cardiologist, Philippine Heart Center
3. Dr. Rose Pulido, Oncologist, San Juan De Dios Hospital
4. Dr. Greg Macasaet, Anaesthesiologist, Manila Doctors Hospital
5. Dr. Marcelo Jaochico, Provincial Health Officer of Pampanga, Former Doctor to the Barrios
6. Dr. Salvacion "Sally" Gatchalian, President, Philippine Pediatric Society
7. Dr. Henry Fernandez, Pangasinan Medical Society
8. Dr. Hector Alvarez, Novaliches District Hospital
9. Dr. Francisco Lukban, Cardiologist, Capitol Medical Center, Philippine General Hospital
10. Dr. Helen Tudit, Pathologist, Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center
11. Dr. Leandro L. Resurreccion II, Pediatric Transplant Surgeon, Philippine General Hospital
12. Dr. Dennis Ramon Tudit, Oncologist, Cebu City
13. Dr. Cenover Nicandro "Nicko" Bautista, Mandaluyong City Medical Center
14. Dr. Janette Dancel-Liban, FEU-NRMF Medical Center and the National Kidney and Transplant Institute
15. Nurse Arvin Pascual, Dr. Paulino J. Garcia Memorial Research and Medical Center
16. Dr. Gerard Fabian Goco, St. Luke's Medical Center Quezon City
17. Dr. Mary Grace Lim, Asian Hospital and Medical Center
18. Dr. Roberto Anastacio, Cardiologist, University of Sto. Tomas and Makati Medical Center
19. Dr. Ephraim Neal C. Orteza, Medical Director and Pediatrician, Ospital ng Parañaque

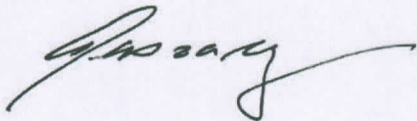
20. Dr. Ronaldo Mateo, Surgeon, Emilio Aguinaldo College Medical Center - Cavite
21. Nurse Faye Marie Luna Palafox, Head Nurse, Philippine General Hospital
22. Nurse Manny Pacheco, Chief Nurse, Mandaluyong Medical Center
23. Dr. Wilbur Jan Robert Demafiles, Manila Doctors Hospital
24. Dr. Jose Gerardo Los Baños, Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila
25. Dr. David Jonathan Pagaduan, Anaesthesiologist, Binakayan Hospital and Medical Center, Perpetual Help Medical Center - Las Piñas
26. Nurse Anderson Baguio Alinas, Nurse, Zamboanga Peninsula Medical Center;

WHEREAS, these health care workers and professionals have manned the frontlines against COVID-19 and have shown exceptional heroism, strength, and devotion while conscious of the perils of their compassionate and noble service to others, which are deserving of special honor and posthumous commendation from the nation;

WHEREAS, the Philippines will always remember and be very grateful of the honorable sacrifices of our health care workers and professionals and their families;

THEREFORE, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives, that our health care workers and professionals who have died in the line of service be given the highest posthumous commendation for their heroism, strength, and devotion to their chosen professions and unparalleled service during the COVID-19 crisis.

Adopted,



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