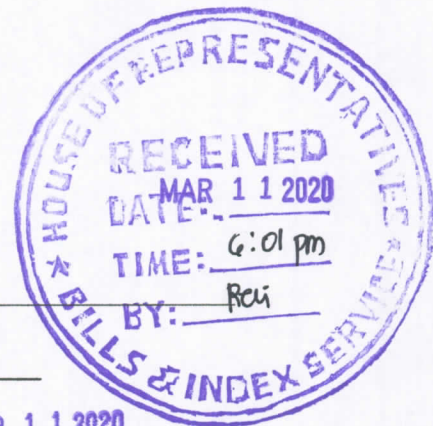


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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 298**

Submitted by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education on **MAR 11 2020**

Re: House Resolution No. **789**

Recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 297

Sponsors: Representatives Mark O. Go and Sonny L. Lagon

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Higher and Technical Education, to which was referred:

House Resolution No. 297, introduced by Representative Sonny L. Lagon, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION  
COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING ALDREAN PAUL ELVIRA  
ALOGON FOR BEING AWARDED WITH THE PRESTIGIOUS FREEMAN  
ASIAN SCHOLARSHIP AT THE WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY IN  
CONNECTICUT, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA”

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Resolution No. **789**, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION  
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING ALDREAN PAUL ELVIRA  
ALOGON FOR BEING AWARDED THE PRESTIGIOUS FREEMAN ASIAN  
SCHOLARSHIP AT THE WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY IN CONNECTICUT,  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA”

be adopted in substitution of House Resolution No. 297 and with Reps. Sonny L. Lagon and Mark O. Go as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:

**MARK O. GO**

Chairperson

Committee on Higher and Technical Education

**THE HONORABLE SPEAKER**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**A RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING ALDREAN PAUL ELVIRA ALOGON  
FOR BEING AWARDED THE PRESTIGIOUS FREEMAN ASIAN SCHOLARSHIP  
AT THE WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY IN CONNECTICUT, UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA**

1       **WHEREAS**, Aldrean Paul Elvira Alagon, son of a farmer, was born and raised in the  
2 Municipality of Sigma, Province of Capiz, where he grew up under difficult circumstances  
3 and was deprived of adequate support in his studies further aggravated by his mother's death  
4 when he was young;

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6       **WHEREAS**, Aldrean Alagon demonstrated strong desire to overcome poverty and  
7 confront life's harsh circumstances with exceptional intelligence, extraordinary diligence,  
8 discipline and dedication to his studies that set him apart from the other students of his league  
9 since his elementary days;

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11       **WHEREAS**, Mr. Alagon distinguished himself as consistent honor student and class  
12 valedictorian of the Sigma Elementary School in Capiz Province; and graduated with highest  
13 honors at the Philippine Science High School –Western Visayas Campus in Iloilo City;

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15       **WHEREAS**, Mr. Alagon further distinguished himself as consistent representative of  
16 his school in several science competitions in the country and abroad since his elementary and  
17 all through his high school days, having earned the privilege to be part of the Philippine team  
18 to the International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics held in Bhubaneswar, India in  
19 2016, and in Phuket, Thailand in 2017;

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21       **WHEREAS**, Aldrean Alagon was recently awarded the prestigious Freeman Asian  
22 Scholarship at the Wesleyan University in Connecticut, United States of America;

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24       **WHEREAS**, the Freeman Asian Scholarship is a full scholarship grant worth three  
25 hundred thousand American dollars (USD 300,000) awarded annually to only eleven (11)  
26 academically exceptional students from Asian countries which include China, Hongkong,  
27 Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and  
28 Vietnam;



29       **WHEREAS**, Mr. Alagon holds the distinction of being the first and only Filipino to  
30 be awarded with the prestigious Freeman Asian Scholarship this year;  
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32       **WHEREAS**, such international recognition obtained by Aldrean Alagon is another  
33 enviable achievement which raised the Filipino pride and clearly brought international  
34 prestige to the country and the nation at large, and served as an inspiration to many young  
35 and impoverished Filipinos to do their best in their studies and to keep believing in  
36 themselves and in their dreams, and that poverty is never a hindrance to success for those  
37 who dream and work hard to realize those dreams;  
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39       **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the House of Representatives  
40 congratulate and commend Aldrean Paul Elvira Alagon for being awarded the prestigious  
41 Freeman Asian Scholarship at the Wesleyan University in Connecticut, United States of  
42 America;  
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44       **RESOLVED FURTHER**, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished Mr. Alagon  
45 and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED);  
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47       **RESOLVED FINALLY**, That, a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the  
48 Wesleyan University in Connecticut, United States of America for its appropriate recognition  
49 of the achievement and example of Mr. Alagon.  
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51       Adopted,