



VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY

6521-A Visca, City of Baybay, Leyte, Philippines

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 21, s. 2009

A REFERENDUM ON THE CONFERMENT OF THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE (*honoris causa*) ON SENATOR JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI

WHEREAS, the Visayas State University has recognized the importance of the passage of landmark legislation affecting agriculture and the environment which he authored during his term as Congressman in the 11th, 12th, and 13th Congress and as Senator in the 14th Congress;

WHEREAS, the Visayas State University has recognized the leadership provided by the Honorable Senator as Senate Majority Leader in the 14th Congress and acknowledges his strong advocacy on environmental concerns, this being among his top Legislative Agenda in the Senate;

WHEREAS, the Honorable Senator was instrumental in the passage of a number of landmark legislation, which include, among others: Biofuels Act of 2006; Wildlife Conservation Act; Renewable Energy Act of 2008 (*R.A. 9513*); Agricultural Competitiveness and Enhancement Fund Extension (*R.A. 4996*); Philippine Cooperative Code of 2008 (*R.A. 9520*); UP Charter Amendments (*R.A. 9500*); Cheaper Medicines Act (*R.A. 9502*); Socialized and Low-Cost Housing Loan Condonation Program (*R.A. 9507*); Act Providing for a *Magna Carta* for Students; *Magna Carta* for Private School Teachers;

WHEREAS, the Honorable Senator Chairs the following Senate Committees: Committee on Rules; Committee on Cooperatives and is an Ex-officio member of all standing committees of the Senate and is currently a member of the following important Congressional Committees: Congressional Committee of Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization (*CoCAFM*); Congressional Oversight Committee on Clean Water Act; Congressional Oversight Committee on Clean Air Act;

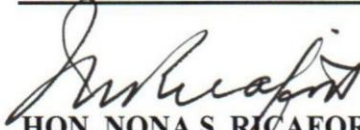
WHEREAS, the Visayas State University has requested that the Honorable Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri to be the Commencement Speaker on the occasion of the 56th Collegiate Commencement Exercises to be held this coming 03 April 2009 at the VSU Gymnasium, VSU Main Campus, Visca, Baybay, Leyte; and

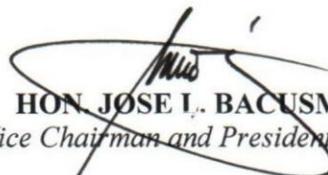
WHEREAS, the University Academic Council (UAC) has unanimously approved by Referendum on the grant of the degree of Doctor of Science (*honoris causa*) on Senator Juan Miguel Zubiri after having discussed thoroughly the matter during the Special UAC Meeting held last 12 March 2009 at the University Convention Center, VSU Main Campus, Visca, Baybay, Leyte.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to approve the grant of the honorary degree of **Doctor of Science (D. Sc.)** on the Honorable Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Senate Majority Leader, 14th Congress to be given on 03 April 2009 at VSU Main Campus, Visca, Baybay, Leyte.

IN WITNESS of our approval thereof, we hereby affix our signatures this 23rd day of March 2009 at Visayas State University, Visca, Baybay, Leyte.

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