



Republic of the Philippines  
**VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY**  
Visca, Baybay, Leyte

**BOR RESOLUTION NO. 47, s. 2023**

**A RESOLUTION COURSED THROUGH REFERENDUM APPORVING TO CONFER AN HONORIS CAUSA DOCTOR OF HUMANITIES DEGREE TO HOUSE SPEAKER FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ ON THE OCASSION OF THE 70<sup>TH</sup> VSU COMMENCEMENT EXCERCISES ON AUGUST 3, 2023 AT THE VSU MAIN CAMPUS**

**WHEREAS**, the Leyte State University was created by virtue of Republic Act 9158 which converted the then Visayas State College of Agriculture (ViSCA) into a state university last 11 August 2001 which was later renamed Visayas State University (VSU) by virtue of R.A. 9437;

**WHEREAS**, Section 7 of R.A. 9158 specifically empowers the Board of Regents of the University to *“exercise all the powers granted to the Directors of a corporation under Section 36 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 68 otherwise known as the Corporate Code of the Philippines”*;

**WHEREAS**, VSU is a CHED Center for Excellence (COE) in Agriculture and a National University in Region VIII, it is mandated to provide leadership in developing highly competitive human resource, relevant scientific knowledge, and innovative technologies to support the sustainable development of the Visayas Region in particular and the whole of the Philippines in general;

**WHEREAS**, Speaker Romualdez is instrumental for the plenary approval of bills that becomes law where he authored three annual national budgets and the two Bayanihan measures (Bayanihan to Heal as One Act or Bayanihan 1 and Bayanihan to Recover as One Act or Bayanihan 2), which were approved at the height of the coronavirus disease-19 (COVID 19) pandemic, the COVID-19 Vaccination Act of 2021, Malasakit Centers Act, Alternative Learning System Act, Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises Act or CREATE, Bureau of Fire and Protection Modernization Act, and Salary Standardization Act of 2019 to name a few;

**WHEREAS**, there is a lot of history between the Romualdez family and the establishment of the then Visayas State College of Agriculture (ViSCA) where Speaker Romualdez’s Father, the former Governor of the Province of Leyte, Benjamin “Kokoy” Romualdez, had been a significant figure on the establishment and development of ViSCA as one of the country’s leading institutions of research, extension, and instruction until it becomes the VSU that people know today;

**WHEREAS**, the VSU administration has invited House Speaker Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez to be the Guest Speaker of the 70<sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercise of the VSU Main Campus on August 3, 2023;

**WHEREAS**, the good Speaker, through the Honorable Regent of the Private Sector Representative of the BOR, Atty. Alain Charles Veloso, has confirmed that he will be coming over to VSU on August 3 to speak to the graduating ViSCANS and the VSU community during the said Commencement Exercises;

**WHEREAS**, the proposal was discussed and endorsed by the University Administrative Council during its 25 July 2023 meeting via zoom;

**Resolved as it is thereby resolved to APPROVE the conferment of an Honoris Cause Doctor of Humanities Degree to House Speaker Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez on the occasion of the 70<sup>th</sup> VSU Commencement Exercises on August 3, 2023 at the VSU Main Campus**

**IN WITNESS** of our approval thereof, we hereby affix our signatures this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.

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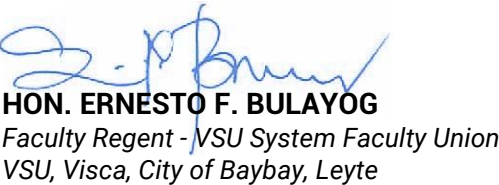


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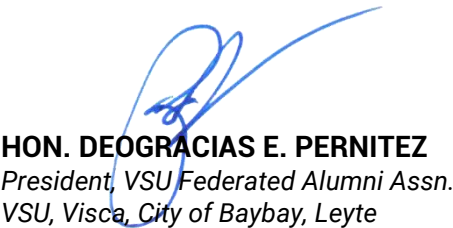
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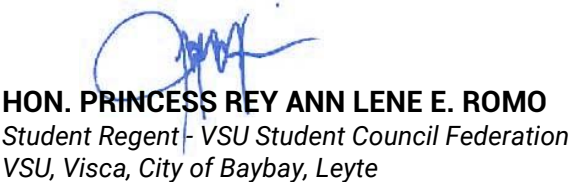
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