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Introduced by Senator Francis N. Pangilinan

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**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE FULL SUPPORT  
OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE  
FIRST NATIONAL HOMESCHOOL DAY**

**WHEREAS**, on 03 March 2017, Homeschool Association of the Philippine Islands (HAPI) will be holding its first National Homeschool Day with the theme "Building Up the Philippines, One Family at a Time."

**WHEREAS**, HAPI is a non-stock, non-profit organization that aims to equip homeschooling groups and organizations in growing the national homeschooling movement. Since its launch in 2010, HAPI has strived to help emerging and established homeschoolers all over the Philippines<sup>1</sup>.

**WHEREAS**, sending our children to conventional schools has been the mainstream education system in the country for more than a hundred years.

**WHEREAS**, homeschooling puts parents at the center of the education process of the child given the recognized and accepted fact, founded on law, that it is the primary responsibility of parents to raise and rear their children especially in their formative years.

**WHEREAS**, Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 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.

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 (2), Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall establish and maintain a system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels without limiting the natural rights of parents to rear their children.

**WHEREAS**, the Family Code recognizes that parents have the primary responsibility of educating their children.

**WHEREAS**, according to DECS Memorandum No. 216 s. 1997, home education is designed to provide an alternative delivery system of education from which children acquire the necessary skills to develop their full potential to become self-propelling, fulfilled, and contributing members of the community.

**WHEREAS**, the Senate of the Philippines asserts its commitment to make education accessible for all Filipinos and support endeavors to make this possible. 

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.hapi.ph/about.html>

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate of the Philippines expresses its full support in the celebration of the first National Homeschool Day.

Adopted,



FRANCIS N. PANGILINAN  
Senator