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RESOLUTION NO. SP-10783, S-2026

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT TO SENATE BILL NO. 1894, SEEKING TO AMEND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10931 OR THE "UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO QUALITY TERTIARY EDUCATION ACT," TO EXPAND EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FOR DISADVANTAGED AND VULNERABLE STUDENTS

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WHEREAS, Section 16, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution recognizes education as a priority of the State and mandates the protection and promotion of the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10931, otherwise known as the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act, was enacted to provide free tuition and other school fees in State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), Local Universities and Colleges (LUCs), and State-Run Technical-Vocational Institutions;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1894, principally sponsored by Senate President Pro Tempore Loren Legarda, seeks to strengthen and expand the implementation of Republic Act No. 10931 by broadening financial assistance programs and ensuring more inclusive access to tertiary education for disadvantaged and vulnerable learners;

WHEREAS, the proposed measure aims to automatically qualify senior high school graduates from households under the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) for Tertiary Education Subsidy grants upon admission to institutions recognized by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) or the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA);

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments further seek to expand the list of disadvantaged learners eligible for educational assistance to include persons with disabilities (PWDs), indigenous peoples, children under foster care, solo parents and their dependents, learners in conflict with the law, first-generation college students, and students from geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas;

WHEREAS, the measure likewise seeks to provide broader educational support covering transportation, books, room and board, laptop or computer purchases, disability-related expenses, licensure-related costs, and clinical internship, or Related Learning Experience fees for nursing and allied health students in private higher education institutions;

WHEREAS, many students and families in Quezon City continue to face financial difficulties in pursuing tertiary education despite existing educational support mechanisms, particularly amid rising transportation costs, inflation, and increasing educational expenses;

WHEREAS, improving access to meaningful and inclusive tertiary education is vital in empowering the youth, reducing inequality, promoting social mobility, and strengthening the future workforce of Quezon City and the Nation;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government recognizes the importance of measures that promote equitable access to education, especially for marginalized and vulnerable sectors of society.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to express, as it does hereby express, the support of the Quezon City Government to Senate Bill No. 1894, seeking to amend Republic Act No. 10931 or the "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act," to expand educational assistance and support for disadvantaged and vulnerable students.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Senate of the Philippines, the House of Representatives, Senator Loren Legarda, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), the Department of Education (DepEd), and other concerned agencies for their information and appropriate action.

ADOPTED: October 12, 2026.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was ADOPTED by the City Council on Second Reading on October 12, 2026 and was CONFIRMED on October 26, 2026.

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2nd Asst. Majority Floor Leader
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

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City Government Department Head III
(Secretary to the Sanggunian)