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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

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**HOUSE BILL NO. 6019**



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Introduced by Hon. Salvador B. Belaro Jr.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The University of the Philippines has been known as a veritable training ground of future leaders of our country, among to its composition of students *coming from the different regions of the Philippines.*

Unfortunately, the present population of UP students does not anymore reflect an equitable representation of the various region of the country as it appears that the results of the UP College Admission Test (UPCAT) reveals that those passers are coming from the better schools in the urban centers of the country.

To remedy the situation, it is imperative that we truly make University of the Philippines, being the university of the people, to truly reflect an equitable representation of all the region of the country.

This Act, granting the Valedictorian, Salutatorian and first honor graduates of our high schools, automatic admission to the University of the Philippines, is a step in that

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**AN ACT**  
**GRANTING THE VALEDICTORIANS, SALUTATORIANS AND FIRST**  
**HONOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AN AUTOMATIC ADMISSION**  
**TO THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES**

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Automatic UP Admission Act of 2017".

SECTION 2. The State is mandated to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all level, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.<sup>1</sup>

SECTION 3. *All valedictorian, salutatorian and all first honor graduates of our high schools shall be granted automatic admission to the University of the Philippines.*

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<sup>1</sup> Section 1, Article XIV, 1987 Constitution

SECTION 4. The Commission on Higher Education (CHED), in collaboration with the University of the Philippines, is herein tasked to formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulation.

SECTION 5. The funds necessary for the implementation of this act shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act upon the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 6. If any provision hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 7. All laws, *presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations* contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.