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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 99**

Submitted by the Committee on Foreign Affairs on **NOV 27 2019**

Re: House Concurrent Resolution No. **05**

Recommending its adoption, in substitution of House Concurrent Resolution No. 04

Sponsor: Representative Ann K. Hofer

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Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Foreign Affairs to which was referred **House Concurrent Resolution No. 04**, introduced by Representative Ann K. Hofer, entitled:

**“CONCURRENT RESOLUTION GIVING CONSENT TO HIS EXCELLENCY RAUL S. HERNANDEZ, FORMER AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FROM 28 MAY 2014 TO 30 APRIL 2019 TO RECEIVE THE AWARD OF THE 'ORDER OF DIPLOMATIC SERVICE MERIT, FIRST CLASS' FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA”**

has considered the same and recommends that the attached **House Concurrent Resolution No. 05**, entitled:

**“CONCURRENT RESOLUTION GRANTING CONSENT TO HIS EXCELLENCY RAUL S. HERNANDEZ, FORMER AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FROM 28 MAY 2014 TO 30 APRIL 2019, TO RECEIVE THE AWARD OF THE 'ORDER OF DIPLOMATIC SERVICE MERIT, FIRST CLASS' FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA”**

be adopted in substitution of House Concurrent Resolution No. 04.

Respectfully submitted,



**ANN K. HOFER**

*Chairperson*

**Committee on Foreign Affairs**

The Honorable Speaker  
House of Representatives  
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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**  
**GRANTING CONSENT TO HIS EXCELLENCY RAUL S. HERNANDEZ, FORMER**  
**AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE REPUBLIC**  
**OF THE PHILIPPINES TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FROM 28 MAY 2014 TO 30**  
**APRIL 2019, TO RECEIVE THE AWARD OF THE "ORDER OF DIPLOMATIC**  
**SERVICE MERIT, FIRST CLASS" FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC**  
**OF KOREA**

1       **WHEREAS**, the *Order of Diplomatic Merit*, which consists of five grades, shall  
2 be awarded by the Government of the Republic of Korea to a person who has rendered  
3 outstanding meritorious service in the interest of enhancing national prestige and  
4 promoting amity with allies;

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6       **WHEREAS**, the *Order of Diplomatic Service Merit, First Class* consists of a  
7 badge, a star, a lapel badge and ribbon;

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9       **WHEREAS**, the *Order of Diplomatic Service Merit, First Class, Gwanghwa*  
10 *Medal*, is the highest grade among the Order of Diplomatic Service Merit conferred to  
11 high level diplomats such as ambassadors and persons who hold higher positions than  
12 ambassadors, who have rendered outstanding meritorious service in the interest of  
13 enhancing national prestige and promoting amity with allies;

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15       **WHEREAS**, His Excellency, Raul S. Hernandez while posted as Ambassador  
16 Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Philippines to the Republic of  
17 Korea from 28 May 2014 to 30 April 2019 delivered distinguished service in fostering  
18 not only stronger bilateral relations but also deeper people-to-people relations  
19 between the Republic of the Philippines and Republic of Korea;



1       **WHEREAS**, in recognition of his ardent efforts and contributions in enhancing  
2 Philippine-Korea relations, the Government of the Republic of Korea intends to honor  
3 His Excellency Raul S. Hernandez and the Republic of the Philippines by conferring  
4 the award of the *Order of Diplomatic Service Merit, First Class* upon him;

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6       **WHEREAS**, Article IX, Sub-Article B, the Civil Service Commission, Section 8  
7 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "*No elective or appointive public*  
8 *officer or employee shall receive additional, double, or indirect compensation, unless*  
9 *specifically authorized by law, nor accept without the consent of Congress, any*  
10 *present, emolument, office, or title of any kind from any foreign government.*";

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12       **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF**  
13 **REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING, TO GRANT CONSENT TO**  
14 **HIS EXCELLENCY RAUL S. HERNANDEZ, FORMER AMBASSADOR**  
15 **EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE**  
16 **PHILIPPINES TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FROM 28 MAY 2014 TO 30 APRIL**  
17 **2019, TO RECEIVE THE AWARD OF THE "ORDER OF DIPLOMATIC SERVICE**  
18 **MERIT, FIRST CLASS" FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF**  
19 **KOREA.**

*Adopted,*