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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 118

Introduced by Hon. Joaquin M. Chipeco, Jr.

RESOLUTION
COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MR. FELICIANO L. TORRES, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER OF YAZAKI-TORRES MANUFACTURING, INC., ON HIS CONFERMENT OF THE ORDER OF THE RISING SUN, GOLD RAYS WITH NECK RIBBON, BY HIS MAJESTY, THE EMPEROR OF JAPAN

WHEREAS, since the founding of the Yazaki-Torres Manufacturing, Inc. in 1974, Mr. Feliciano L. Torres and his family have served as a bridge between Filipino and Japanese cultures through vital economic links, specifically via the automobile industry;

WHEREAS, during his stay in Japan, Mr. Torres has imbibed valuable traits of the Japanese work ethic, such as the importance of discipline, courtesy, pride in the quality of products, maintenance of good relationships and sharing with the community and other sectors, which values he imparted to all his staff at the workplace;

WHEREAS, at the core of his beliefs lies the notion of *kokoro to kokoro no fureai* (or the so-called "Fukuda Doctrine") which refers to the importance of a heart-to-heart relationship founded on mutual trust and respect;

WHEREAS, Mr. Torres established his solid reputation as one of the captains of the automotive industry when he was able to grow the workforce

of his corporation from an initial of 150 workers to its present 11,000-strong complement, sparking widespread admiration for his remarkable legacy in terms of employment generation;

WHEREAS, in view of its best practices in corporate governance and its worldwide business reach, the Yazaki-Torres Corporation has become an important player in our automotive industry and would most definitely play a leading role when the car manufacturing industry in the Philippines finally takes off;

WHEREAS, in 1998, Mr. Torres served as Co-Chairman of PHILJEC (Philippine-Japan Economic Cooperation Committee) and led dialogues on trade and investment between Japan and the Philippines;

WHEREAS, he also helped lead and represent the position of the automobile industry of the Philippines during the crafting and development of the Philippines-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (PJEPA), which notwithstanding the serious challenges it faced during the negotiation stage, was eventually concluded and accepted by both countries;

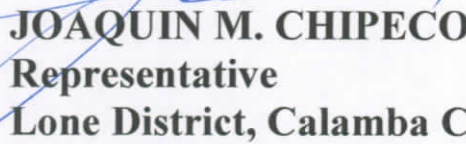
WHEREAS, the people to people understanding, friendship and peaceful relations between the Filipinos and the Japanese which have flourished through Mr. Torres' efforts come at a crucial time when Japan, even more, is becoming a strategic source of foreign funding for our developmental projects, a very promising market for our workers through its liberalization policies of its domestic economy, and an important partner in preserving and safeguarding our maritime territories;

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2018, the Government of Japan announced the conferment of The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon on Mr. Feliciano Torres in recognition of his hard work and contributions to the strengthening of bilateral economic relations;

WHEREAS, it behooves Congress, to memorialize the achievements of an outstanding Filipino citizen who promoted closer relations with Japan, one of the Philippines' strongest and most trusted allies. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, to commend and congratulate Mr. Feliciano L. Torres, President and General Manager of Yazaki Torres Manufacturing, Inc., on his conferment of The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon, by His Majesty, The Emperor of Japan.

Adopted,



JOAQUIN M. CHIPECO, JR.
Representative
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