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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 709



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HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONGRESSIONAL COMMENDATION TO THE PERSONNEL OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE FOREIGN SERVICE, PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS  
LABOR OFFICES, BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION, BUREAU OF QUARANTINE, AND  
THOSE WORKERS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR THEIR INDIVIDUAL  
SACRIFICES, DEVOTION TO DUTY AND PATRIOTISM SO AS TO PREVENT THE  
OUTBREAK OF THE NCOV-ARD IN OUR COUNTRY

**WHEREAS**, the outbreak of the Novel Corona Virus-Acute Respiratory Disease (NCOV-ARD)  
has affected thousands of people China and resulted in more or less 900 deaths in a span of 3  
weeks;

**WHEREAS**, the virus has also spread to other countries including the Philippines where one  
fatality has been confirmed;

**WHEREAS**, the capacity of the NCOV-ARD to rapidly spread and infect thousands in a short  
period of time, coupled with the lack of information on the said virus, has struck fear in the minds  
of many people not only in the Philippines but around the world;

**WHEREAS**, such fear has caused panic, anxiety, acts of discrimination, temporary lockdown of  
borders, and unfounded shunning against even our own countrymen returning from overseas,  
particularly from China and its Administrative Regions;

**WHEREAS**, despite the clear health danger and the potential of the virus to become a global  
pandemic, personnel and frontline staff from the Department of Health, the Foreign Service,  
Philippine Overseas Labor Offices, Bureau of Immigration, Bureau of Quarantine, and those from  
the private sector such as pilots, airline ground and cabin crew, among others, have disregarded  
their own safety and put themselves under risk of infection on one hand to prevent an outbreak of  
NCOV-ARD in the country, and on the other to bring home Filipinos from China;

**WHEREAS**, the dedication, bravery and sacrifices of said personnel have been overshadowed by  
emotions brought about by the fear and lack of complete information on the virus and the finger-  
pointing among government agencies on how the first fatality was able to enter the country and  
roam around some provinces, in the first place;

53 **WHEREAS**, the Filipino people, regardless of their overall opinion about the NCOV-ARD and  
54 the preparedness of the country to confront the same should take note of the dedication, devotion  
55 to duty, and sacrifices of said personnel;

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57 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, that the House of  
58 Representatives gives commendation to the personnel of the Department of Health, the Foreign  
59 Service, Philippine Overseas Labor Offices, Bureau of Immigration, Bureau of Quarantine, and  
60 those workers from the private sector, especially concerned Airline Corporations, for their  
61 individual sacrifices, devotion to duty and patriotism so as to prevent the outbreak of the NCOV-  
62 ARD in our country.

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