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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

WHEREAS, the "*Order of Diplomatic Merit*," which consists of five grades, shall be awarded to a person who has rendered outstanding meritorious service in the interest of enhancing national prestige and promoting amity with allies;

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

WHEREAS, the "*First Grade of the Order of Diplomatic Service Merit*" consists of a badge, a star, a lapel badge, and ribbon;

WHEREAS, in practice, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea can recommend an ambassador who has served in Korea for more than two years to receive the award on the basis of the principle of reciprocity;

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

WHEREAS, in recognition of his zealous efforts and contributions in enhancing Philippine-Korea relations, the Government of the Republic of Korea is intending to give honor to His Excellency Raul S. Hernandez and the Philippines by conferring the award of the "*Order of Diplomatic Service Merit, First Class*" upon him;

WHEREAS, Article IX, Sub-Article B, Section 8 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides: "*No elective or appointive public officer or employee shall receive additional, double, or indirect compensation, unless specifically authorized by law, nor accept without the consent of Congress, any present, emolument, office, or title of any kind from any foreign government*": Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PHILIPPINES CONCURRING, To give 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.

Adopted,


AQUILINO "KOKO" L. PIMENTEL III