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A RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE COLLECTIVE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THANK THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN FOR REAFFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THE MARITIME SECURITY OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, Japan Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida reaffirmed his country's commitment to provide support for the improvement of the Philippine maritime security;

WHEREAS, Kishida at a joint press conference with Foreign Affairs Secretary Perfecto Yasay Jr. at the Marco Polo Hotel in Davao City said, "Maritime order based on the rule of law is indispensable for regional stability and prosperity";

WHEREAS, Kishida met with President Duterte at the Malacañang of the South at the DPWH compound on August 11, 2016 to bring the news of Japan's readiness to turn over vessels to the Philippines to help the latter to boost its maritime patrol capabilities;

WHEREAS, Kishida was quoted as saying, "So I have conveyed during our meeting that Japan will continue to provide support for the improvement of the maritime security of the Philippines";

WHEREAS, Kishida further said, "I have believed that in achieving the rule of law at the sea, the international community should work in closer partnership...like Japan, to continue to cooperate closely with the relevant countries for the peaceful resolution of the conflict";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to express the collective sense of the House of Representatives to thank the government of Japan for reaffirming its commitment to support the maritime security of the Philippines.

APPROVED,


WINNIE CASTELO