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House Concurrent Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Introduced by **Representative ANN K. HOFER**

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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**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Adopted,*



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