Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City. Metro Manila

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House Concurrent Resolution No. __________

Introduced by Representative ANN K. HOFER

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 by the Government of the Republic of Korea 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 consists of a badge, a star, a lapel badge and ribbon;

WHEREAS, the First Grade of the Order of Diplomatic Service Merit, 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, in practice, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea can recommend an ambassador who has served in the Republic of 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 the Republic of the Philippines and Republic of 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 Republic of 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, the Civil Service Commission 
of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "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 HOUSE OF 
REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING, TO GIVE CONSENT TO HIS 
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PHILIPPINES TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FROM 28 MAY 2014 TO 30 APRIL 
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Adopted,

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