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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO,
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HOFER

**A RESOLUTION
HONORING THE WORK AND CONTRIBUTION OF HIS EXCELLENCY ZHAO JIANHUA AS
AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO THE PHILIPPINES IN FOSTERING STRONGER PHILIPPINES-
CHINA BILATERAL RELATIONS AND CONFERRING UPON HIM THE CONGRESSIONAL
MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT**

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives, has on several occasions, recognized the achievements of esteemed foreign delegates for their invaluable contribution to our country;

WHEREAS, Ambassador Zhao Jianhua was sworn in as Ambassador to the Philippines on April 8, 2014;

WHEREAS, as an expert in World Economy and International Policy, Ambassador Jianhua has an extensive career in the People's Republic of China's foreign service, having also been assigned to Lebanon, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Liberia;

WHEREAS, it is but proper to honor the work and contribution of outgoing Ambassador to the Philippines of the People's Republic of China, H.E. Zhao Jianhua, whose tour of duty in the country fostered stronger bonds of very good friendship between the Philippines and China;

WHEREAS, in the performance of his duties as Chinese Ambassador, H.E. Zhao has played a significant role for the Governments of the Philippines and China, notwithstanding their distinct or conflicting positions, to resolve their differences in a friendly manner, leading to the turnaround of previously cold relations into the golden age of Philippines-China bilateral relations that we know today;

WHEREAS, during His Excellency's Tour of Duty as Chinese Ambassador to the Philippines, China has become our top trading partner, our 4th largest export market at USD 8.70 Billion in 2018, top import supplier at USD 21.39 Billion in 2018, has increased Chinese tourist arrivals in the Philippines from 394,951 in 2014 to 1.26 million in 2018, and has signed 90 bilateral agreements with the Philippines ranging from the economic, political, cultural, humanitarian and security aspects of Philippines-China relations;

WHEREAS, Ambassador Jianhua, pursuant to his role as China's top diplomat in the Philippines, has successfully facilitated four (4) State Visits of President Rodrigo R. Duterte to the People's Republic of China since 2016, and President Xi Jinping's State Visit to the Philippines in 2018, which is the first State Visit of a Chinese President to the Philippines in thirteen (13) years;

WHEREAS, while there may be real and difficult issues remaining between the Philippines and China, through the work and contribution of Ambassador Jianhua, the Philippine Government is certain that the lines of communication between the Philippines and China shall always remain open to resolve peacefully any difference between our countries and peoples;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives honors the work and contribution of His Excellency Zhao Jianhua, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the Philippines in fostering stronger Philippines-China Bilateral relations and confer upon him the Congressional Medal of Achievement.

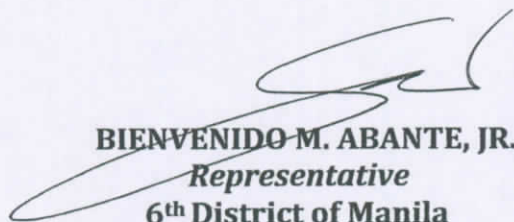
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