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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 709

Introduced by
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HOUSE RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING CONGRESSIONAL COMMENDATION TO THE PERSONNEL OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE FOREIGN SERVICE, PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS
LABOR OFFICES, BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION, BUREAU OF QUARANTINE, AND
THOSE WORKERS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR THEIR INDIVIDUAL
SACRIFICES, DEVOTION TO DUTY AND PATRIOTISM SO AS TO PREVENT THE
OUTBREAK OF THE NCOV-ARD IN OUR COUNTRY

WHEREAS, the outbreak of the Novel Corona Virus-Acute Respiratory Disease (NCOV-ARD)
has affected thousands of people China and resulted in more or less 900 deaths in a span of 3
weeks;

WHEREAS, the virus has also spread to other countries including the Philippines where one
fatality has been confirmed;

WHEREAS, the capacity of the NCOV-ARD to rapidly spread and infect thousands in a short
period of time, coupled with the lack of information on the said virus, has struck fear in the minds
of many people not only in the Philippines but around the world;

WHEREAS, such fear has caused panic, anxiety, acts of discrimination, temporary lockdown of
borders, and unfounded shunning against even our own countrymen returning from overseas,
particularly from China and its Administrative Regions;

WHEREAS, despite the clear health danger and the potential of the virus to become a global
pandemic, personnel and frontline staff from the Department of Health, the Foreign Service,
Philippine Overseas Labor Offices, Bureau of Immigration, Bureau of Quarantine, and those from
the private sector such as pilots, airline ground and cabin crew, among others, have disregarded
their own safety and put themselves under risk of infection on one hand to prevent an outbreak of
NCOV-ARD in the country, and on the other to bring home Filipinos from China;

WHEREAS, the dedication, bravery and sacrifices of said personnel have been overshadowed by
emotions brought about by the fear and lack of complete information on the virus and the finger-
pointing among government agencies on how the first fatality was able to enter the country and
roam around some provinces, in the first place;
WHEREAS, the Filipino people, regardless of their overall opinion about the NCOV-ARD and the preparedness of the country to confront the same should take note of the dedication, devotion to duty, and sacrifices of said personnel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the House of Representatives gives commendation to the personnel of the Department of Health, the Foreign Service, Philippine Overseas Labor Offices, Bureau of Immigration, Bureau of Quarantine, and those workers from the private sector, especially concerned Airline Corporations, for their individual sacrifices, devotion to duty and patriotism so as to prevent the outbreak of the NCOV-ARD in our country.

Adopted,

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