WHEREAS, developments in the international and regional environment inspire intensification of bilateral and regional relations in order to cope with global interaction and interdependence;

WHEREAS, recognizing that close cooperation can be the appropriate vehicle to strengthen friendly relations, the Philippines and Brazil have worked for peace and security, economic development, tourism and cultural promotion, and condemnation of racial discrimination and terrorism;

WHEREAS, parliamentarians, as makers of State policy, perform an essential role to promote their country's foreign relations through their contacts and friendships with fellow parliamentarians from other States;

WHEREAS, the National Congress of Brazil has established the Brazil-Philippines Parliamentary Group;

WHEREAS, such friendly gesture by the National Congress of Brazil shows its sincere desire to strengthen inter-parliamentary diplomacy and enhance beneficial ties with the House of Representatives of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the formation of the Philippines-Brazil Parliamentarians' Friendship Group will serve as the more solid institutional linkage for the two countries to discuss legislative matters of mutual interest and to exchange experiences in the areas of economics, culture and sciences that will be responsive to and supportive of the developmental goals of both countries; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To organize, as it hereby organizes, the Philippines-Brazil Parliamentarians' Friendship Group.