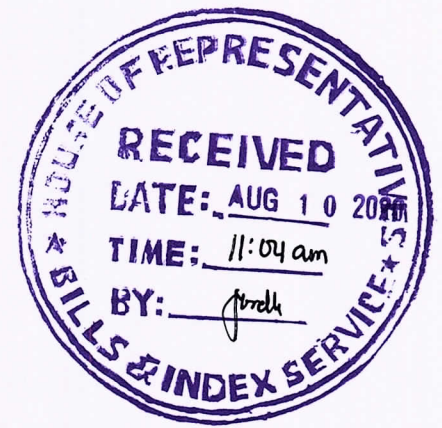


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**A RESOLUTION  
CONVEYING THE DEEPEST SYMPATHIES  
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF THE PHILIPPINES TO THE REPUBLIC OF LEBANON  
AND THE VICTIMS OF THE CATASTROPHIC EXPLOSIONS THAT OCCURRED  
IN ITS CAPITAL CITY OF BEIRUT ON 04 AUGUST 2020**

1           **WHEREAS**, on 04 August 2020, a series of massive explosions occurred in a  
2 warehouse in the port in Beirut, capital city of the Republic of Lebanon, claiming the lives of  
3 many, injuring thousands more, and damaging infrastructure at a time of global health and  
4 economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic;

5           **WHEREAS**, the powerful blasts sent shockwaves across the city, causing serious  
6 damage even to the outskirts of Beirut, which prompted the declaration of a state of emergency  
7 in the capital city proclaiming it a disaster zone;

8           **WHEREAS**, on 08 August 2020, Lebanese health authorities reported that at least 158  
9 people died and about 6,000 were injured due to the devastating explosions;

10           **WHEREAS**, on 08 August 2020, the Philippine Embassy in Beirut reported that there  
11 were at least four Filipino fatalities, 42 injured, and two missing, and that the Department of  
12 Foreign Affairs expects the number of affected Filipinos to increase considering the magnitude  
13 of the destruction;

14           **WHEREAS**, recent reports state that approximately 300,000 people, including more  
15 than 500 Overseas Filipinos working in Beirut, are now left homeless due to the catastrophe;

16           **WHEREAS**, the Philippines and Lebanon had established and nurtured its diplomatic  
17 relations over the decades since 1946, underpinned by friendship and mutual respect, and  
18 embodied in our people-to-people linkages;


1           **WHEREAS**, on behalf of the Filipino people, the House of Representatives of the  
2 Philippines stands in solidarity with the people of Lebanon, the victims, and their families; and  
3 firmly believes in their resilience at the face of tragedy;

4           **WHEREAS**, the Republic of the Philippines fervently trusts that the Government and  
5 the people of the Republic of Lebanon will rise strongly from this unforeseen tragedy;

6           **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the House of  
7 Representatives of the Republic of the Philippines, to convey its deepest sympathies to the  
8 Republic of Lebanon and the victims of the catastrophic explosions that occurred in its capital  
9 city of Beirut on 04 August 2020;

10           **RESOLVED FURTHER**, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Embassy  
11 of the Republic of Lebanon in the Philippines.

**Adopted,**



**DULCE ANN K. HOFER**

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