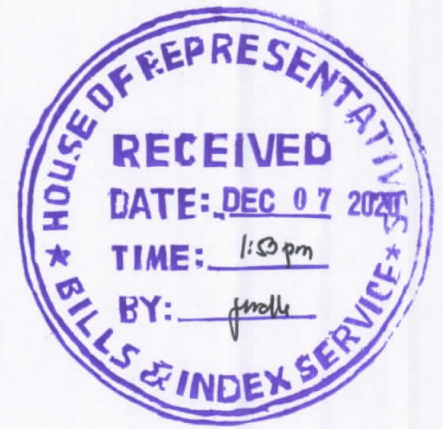


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Introduced by Representatives Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco, Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Joseph Stephen "Caraps" S. Paduano, Rose Marie "Baby" J. Arenas, Ann K. Hofer, Divina Grace C. Yu, Rosanna "Ria" V. Vergara, Lorna C. Silverio, and Florida "Rida" P. Robes

RESOLUTION
COMMENDING THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND EFFORTS OF HIS EXCELLENCY HAN DONG-MAN AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO THE PHILIPPINES IN FOSTERING PHILIPPINES- KOREA BILATERAL RELATIONS

1 **WHEREAS**, His Excellency, Han Dong-man was designated as the Ambassador
2 Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea (ROK) to the Republic of the
3 Philippines (PH) on January 17, 2018;¹
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5 **WHEREAS**, as an expert in Policy Planning, Trade, and Public Relations,
6 Ambassador Han joined the diplomatic corps in 1985 and has served in countries such
7 as Algeria, United Kingdom, Australia, and the United States of America;²
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9 **WHEREAS**, it is fitting to recognize the contributions of outgoing ROK Ambassador
10 to the Philippines, H.E. Han Dong-man, who performed exemplary services in fostering
11 not only stronger PH-ROK bilateral relations but also deeper people-to-people
12 engagement between the Philippines and South Korea;
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14 **WHEREAS**, through His Excellency's untiring efforts, exchanges between the
15 Philippines and South Korea increased even further as evidenced by the signing of
16 agreements by the two countries in areas of tourism, fisheries, education, and social
17 security during the official courtesy visit of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to President
18 Moon Jae-in in Seoul in November 2019;³
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20 **WHEREAS**, during Ambassador Han's tenure, there is an increase in trade and
21 investment between the Philippines and South Korea. In 2019, South Korea was the fifth
22 largest trading partner of the Philippines and also its third highest import source and sixth
23 highest export destination. Moreover, the PH-ROK Free Trade Agreement, which is seen
24 as a significant step forward to a stronger economic partnership between the two
25 countries, is already in the final stages of negotiation and is nearing completion;⁴
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¹ <https://dfa.gov.ph/office-of-protocol/foreign-embassies#KOREA>

² https://pcoo.gov.ph/news_releases/president-duterte-receives-credentials-three-new-envoys-ph/

³ <https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/11/25/19/duterte-invites-south-koreas-moon-to-visit-ph>

⁴ <https://mb.com.ph/2020/08/31/ph-korea-targets-fta-deal-this-year/>

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1 **WHEREAS**, His Excellency likewise oversaw increased South Korean support to
2 the Philippines such as its USD1 billion commitment in the form of concessional loans
3 from the Korean Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) to finance multiple
4 infrastructure projects in the country;⁵
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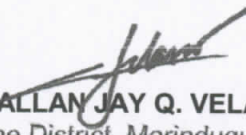
6 **WHEREAS**, through the efforts of Ambassador Han, the Philippines has become
7 a top destination for Korean tourists. Korean tourists visiting the country has ballooned
8 from 1.6 million visitors in 2017 to almost 2.2 million by the end of 2019;⁶
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10 **WHEREAS**, Ambassador Han also supervised ROK projects such as the turnover
11 of numerous naval vessels as part of its contributions to PH maritime security, the
12 humanitarian efforts for those affected by various natural disasters such as the Mayon
13 Volcano eruption, Typhoon Ompong (Mangkhut), Mindanao earthquake, and Taal
14 Volcano eruption, and assistance in tackling the COVID-19 pandemic;⁷
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16 **WHEREAS**, the warm and gentle, yet energetic personality of His Excellency
17 masterfully reflects the characteristics of modern-day South Korea, a vibrant democracy
18 with a dynamic economy, and a society that perfectly blends traditional values with
19 contemporary pop culture;
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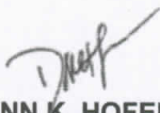
21 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF**
22 **REPRESENTATIVES**, To commend the contributions and efforts of His Excellency Han
23 Dong-man as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea to
24 the Philippines in fostering Philippines-Korea bilateral relations.

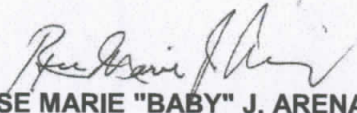
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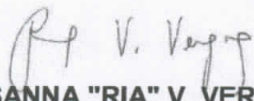

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⁵ http://overseas.mofa.go.kr/ph-en/brd/m_3284/view.do?seq=759480

⁶ https://pcoo.gov.ph/news_releases/philippines-eyes-record-south-korean-tourist-arrivals-by-year-end/#:~:text=The%20country's%20target%20is%20to,the%20same%20period%20last%20year.

⁷ <https://www.philstar.com/opinion/2020/03/05/1998257/korea-and-philippines-are-old-friends-71-years-friendship>