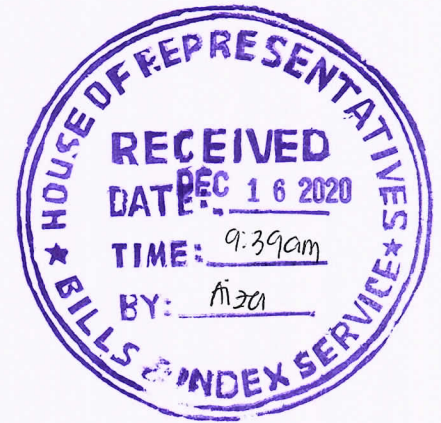


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**RESOLUTION ORGANIZING THE PHILIPPINES-SINGAPORE  
PARLIAMENTARIANS' FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

WHEREAS, every nation, even after attaining the highest level of development, recognizes a certain degree of dependence on other nations which compels it to establish diplomatic, economic, trade, educational, cultural, and political relations therewith;

WHEREAS, cognizant of such interdependence, the Philippines and Singapore, together with Thailand, Indonesia, and Malaysia, initiated the founding of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in 1967 and the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) in 1977 which serve as platforms for consultation and collaboration to address issues and concerns of mutual interest;

WHEREAS, the year 2020 marks the 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the close cooperation between the Philippines and Singapore – a relationship which was officially established in 1969 and followed by the inauguration of the Embassy of the Republic of Singapore in Manila in 1973;

WHEREAS, recent exchanges of high-level visits between President Rodrigo Roa Duterte of the Philippines and President Halimah Yacob of the Republic of Singapore from 2016 to 2019 manifest a strengthened friendly relations between the two countries;

WHEREAS, in addition to a number of bilateral agreements between the Philippines and Singapore, the State Visit of President Yacob to the Philippines in 2019 yielded eight (8) memoranda of understandings, targeting joint cooperation in the areas of education, culture, agriculture, banking, and data protection;

WHEREAS, recognizing the necessity to maintain such strong diplomatic partnership, the establishment of a parliamentary friendship group will be an effective platform to endorse actions needed to further intensify bilateral relations and to promote common interests and objectives; Now, therefore, be it

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

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