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RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT TO THE PROPOSED "PROMOTION OF RESOLUTION FOR ISSUES CONCERNING VICTIMS OF WARTIME SEXUAL COERCION ACT" IN THE HOUSE OF THE COUNCILORS IN JAPAN

Whereas, prior to and during World War II, the Imperial Japanese Army and Navy committed coercion of sexual acts against women and as a result, the dignity and honor of these women were severely violated;

Whereas, there is a bill filed in the House of the Councilors in Japan on 9 June 2004 entitled "Promotion of Resolution for Issues Concerning Victims of Wartime Sexual Coercion Act" proposing to take quick steps to restore the honor of these women;

Whereas, the Measures to Restore Honor proposed in the said bill consist of the Japanese government singularly expressing an apology for the violation of the honor and dignity of the victims of wartime sexual coercion and implementing the necessary measures to restore their honor as soon as possible, which includes monetary payment to the victims of wartime sexual coercion;

Whereas, there are many victims of wartime sexual coercion in the Philippines called the Filipino comfort women whose rights have to be recognized and vindicated and who stand to benefit from the said bill;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved, to express support to the proposed "Promotion of Resolution for Issues concerning Victims of Wartime Sexual Coercion Act" in the House of the Councilors in Japan.

Adopted.

RICHARD J. GORDON