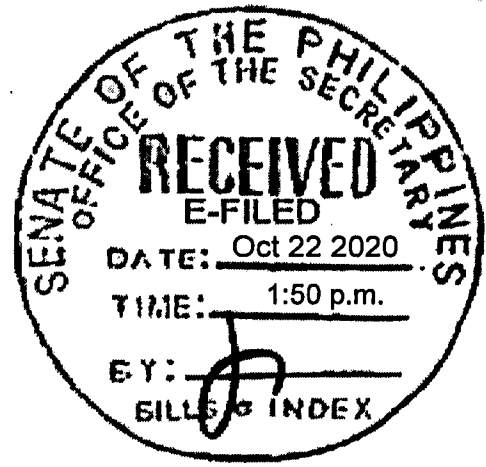


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SENATE

P.S. Res. No. 552

Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY OF MEMBER STATES IN COMMEMORATING THE SEVENTY-
FIFTH (75TH) ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

1 WHEREAS, following the "Declaration by United Nations" in 1942 and the
2 succeeding multilateral conferences which called for an international organization with
3 the structure and function of a universal body aimed at the preservation of peace and
4 security and promotion of international cooperation, the United Nations Charter was
5 signed by the representatives of 50 countries on 26 June 1945;

6 WHEREAS, the United Nations officially came into existence on 24 October 1945
7 when the Charter was ratified by the five permanent members of the Security Council
8 – China, France, Soviet Union, the United Kingdom and the United States – and a
9 majority of the other signatories¹;

10 WHEREAS, the Philippines was among the original member states who signed
11 and adhered to the Declaration by United Nations in 1942, which provided the basis
12 for the UN Charter;

¹ "Basic Facts about the United Nations." United Nations. 2004. New York.

1 WHEREAS, the Philippines was also one of the original charter members – one
2 of only four Asian nations – that created the United Nations in 1945;

3 WHEREAS, the Philippines recognizes and supports the purposes of the United
4 Nations as set forth in its Charter. To wit: To maintain international peace and security;
5 to develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal
6 rights and self-determination of peoples; to achieve international co-operation in
7 solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian
8 character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for
9 fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion;
10 and to be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these
11 common ends;

12 WHEREAS, "UN has been a partner of the Philippine government for over seven
13 decades, supporting state institutions to respect, uphold and implement the
14 international treaty obligations and agreed development goals that the Philippines has
15 voluntarily adhered to over the years²;"

16 WHEREAS, the Philippines has greatly contributed to the cause of the United
17 Nations as it participated and took the lead in the negotiations and campaigns of
18 various UN Agreements. The country was also regarded as "one of the active countries
19 in Asia and the Pacific region in terms of peace support troop contribution.³" Further,
20 several Filipinos assumed significant posts in various organs of the body such as the
21 UN International Court of Justice, the UN Security Council, and the General Assembly,
22 specifically when General Carlos P. Romulo served as its President in 1949;

23 WHEREAS, the Philippines, through the Senate, has ratified UN-led treaties and
24 landmark international convention and has shown the international community its
25 adherence and commitment to the core principles and ideals of the United Nations;

² "The United Nations in the Philippines." <https://philippines.un.org/en/about/about-the-un>

³ <https://www.rappler.com/newsbreak/iq/fast-facts-philippines-role-united-nations>

1 WHEREAS, the Philippines has been a recipient of much needed support from
2 the United Nations and its agencies and partner organizations in terms of development
3 services, technical assistance, humanitarian aid, rehabilitation work, capacity building
4 measures, among others, throughout the years, in times of calamities, conflicts, and
5 crises;

6 WHEREAS, the Philippines has been a dynamic partner of the United Nations
7 since its conception until the present day towards the achievement of world peace,
8 sustainable and inclusive development, and respect for human rights and justice;

9 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to
10 express the sense of the Senate to join the international community of member states
11 in commemorating the seventy-fifth (75th) Anniversary of the United Nations.

Adopted,


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.