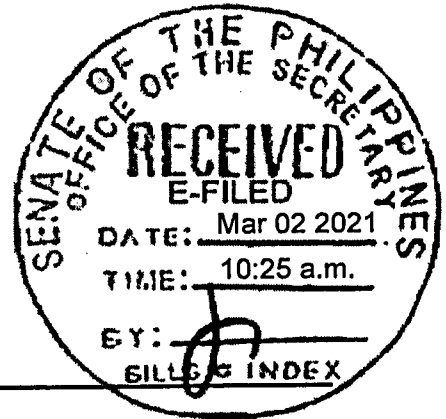


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Introduced by Senator RICHARD J. GORDON

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING PROFOUND APPRECIATION TO HIS HIGHNESS SHEIKH MOHAMED BIN ZAYED AL NAHYAN, CROWN PRINCE OF ABU DHABI AND DEPUTY SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE), FOR HIS GESTURES OF COMPASSION, CONCERN, FRIENDSHIP, SOLIDARITY, AND SUPPORT TOWARD THE FILIPINO PEOPLE IN TIMES OF NATURAL DISASTERS AND DURING THE COURSE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, upon the directives of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, an Emirates Red Crescent (ERC) humanitarian mission went to the Philippines in January 2020 to coordinate with the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) in providing assistance to Filipinos affected by the Taal Volcano eruption. Thereafter, the ERC also partnered with the Philippine Embassy in Abu Dhabi in launching a donation campaign for the benefit of 200,000 families displaced by the volcanic eruption;

WHEREAS, the ERC, upon the directives of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, worked together with the PRC in establishing a Community Health Center at a cost of Php 19.9M in Dolores, Eastern Samar to serve 124,000 people in the aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan and rebuilt 18 schools in Eastern Samar destroyed by Typhoon Haiyan at a cost of AED 27M to accommodate 9,828 students in 102 classrooms with 15 indoor playgrounds and 12 auditoriums;

WHEREAS, the UAE leadership dispatched a special Etihad flight on 29 April 2020 to transport seven (7) metric tons of PPEs and medical aid that benefited approximately 7,000 Filipino medical front liners fighting the COVID-19 pandemic in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, upon the directive of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the UAE, on 3 November 2020, allocated USD 9.5 million for humanitarian assistance for people affected by Typhoon Rolly (typhoon Goni) and dispatched a delegation to the Philippines to study how best to provide assistance in the aftermath of the Category 5 super typhoon;

WHEREAS, His Highness Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan has, on many occasions, given the highest honor to Filipino medical frontliners serving in the fight against coronavirus in the UAE, calling them personally, checking on their conditions, and assuring them of his support, among these are Ms. Lezly O. Ocampo, a Filipina healthcare worker, Ms. Jessa Dawn Ubag, a Filipina staff nurse at Infectious Disease Unit at Rashid Hospital, and Filipina nurse Iris Ena Diel;

WHEREAS, the dedication, skills, and hard work of the Filipino community have redounded to the benefit of the UAE, and who in turn have been welcomed with much warmth and acceptance by the citizens of the Sheikhdom;

WHEREAS, Filipinos felt the commitment and care of the UAE leadership through the benevolent policy of providing free COVID vaccination to all UAE residents, which include approximately 700,000 Filipinos, consistent with UAE's promise that no one will be left behind and everyone will be protected from the adverse health impact of the pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines to recognize His Highness Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, for his sincere and generous manifestation of compassion, friendship, solidarity and support toward the Filipino people during times of crisis and great need. The Senate recognizes with deep appreciation the continued friendship of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan and for extolling the heroism of Filipinos in the UAE in a genuine and humanitarian manner, through public media, for their contributions as an integral part of the UAE society in overcoming the challenges of the pandemic, thus further strengthening and deepening the friendly relations that long existed between our two peoples and our two nations.

Adopted,


RICHARD J. GORDON