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RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

WHEREAS, Queen Elizabeth II, the longest-reigning monarch of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the nation's head of state for seven decades, died peacefully on 8 September 2022 at the age of 96;

WHEREAS, born on 21 April 1926 to Prince Albert, Duke of York and later King George VI, and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary married Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten of the Royal Navy, formerly Prince Philip of Greece and Denmark, on 20 November 1947 at Westminster Abbey, which marriage lasted 73 years, until Prince Philip's death in April 2021, and begot four children, Charles, Anne, Andrew and Edward;

WHEREAS, Princess Elizabeth succeeded her father King George VI as the 40th monarch of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on 6 February 1952, at the age of 25, in a reign that lasted for 70 years;

WHEREAS, at her death the Queen was head of state of not only the United Kingdom but also of Australia, the Bahamas, Belize, Canada, Grenada, Jamaica, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Tuvalu, the Solomon Islands, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Antigua and Barbuda;

WHEREAS, Elizabeth became queen in 1952 when Britain was emerging from the ravages of the Second World War, with food rationing still in force and class and privilege still dominant in society;

WHEREAS, during her reign, Queen Elizabeth II witnessed massive political change and social upheaval at home and abroad;

WHEREAS, under her able leadership, while remaining an enduring symbol of stability and continuity for the British people at a time of relative national economic decline, Queen Elizabeth II also tried to adapt the ancient institution of monarchy to the demands of the modern era;

WHEREAS, the formal diplomatic relations between the Philippines and the United Kingdom were established on 4 July 1946 during the reign of Queen Elizabeth II's father, King George VI, and since then, the two governments have worked tirelessly to foster stronger political, economic, cultural, and people-to-people ties;

WHEREAS, among the earliest agreements entered into by the Philippines and the United Kingdom during Queen Elizabeth II's reign are the "Agreement on Air Services (relating to designation of routes)" and "PH-UK Agreement on Air Services Between and Beyond Their Territories," which were both signed and entered into force on 31 January 1955;

WHEREAS, on 11 December 2012, the two states entered into a bilateral relationship also known as the Philippines-United Kingdom Joint Plan of Action (JPA) that serves as a framework for bilateral cooperation covering five key areas: political, economic, consular and law enforcement, cultural, and regional and global issues.

WHEREAS, the relations between the two countries have been marked by keener British interest in Philippine economic and political developments, as shown by the significant increase in the volume of trade and investments, including the hiring of thousands of Filipino workers to fill critical gaps in the delivery of health services as exemplified by the influx of Filipino nurses as an essential part of the United Kingdom National Health Service;

WHEREAS, in terms of foreign affairs, the United Kingdom has remained a vital partner in the Mindanao peace process, being an active founding member of the International Contact Group that provided advice to both the GPH and MILF negotiating panels;

WHEREAS, the Philippines and the United Kingdom also share strong ties in education and both have manifested convergent interests in global and regional matters, particularly in counter-terrorism, interfaith work, climate change, disaster management and a strong adherence to the promotion of human rights and the rule of law;

WHEREAS, when Typhoon Haiyan, known as Yolanda in the Philippines, one of the most powerful typhoons ever recorded, devastated the country in 2013, the United Kingdom provided £77,000,000.00 of humanitarian aid, making it the largest single donor, and in addition thereto, the British public donated a further £85,000,000.00 through the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) appeal;

WHEREAS, on 4 August 2021 and 25 November 2021, the United Kingdom donated to the Philippines 415,040 and 3,191,040 doses of Oxford–AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, respectively;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate joins the family of the late Queen Elizabeth II, the people of United Kingdom, and the rest of the world in grieving the death of Her Majesty;

WHEREAS, the passing away of a true ally, a great monarch and head of state, and an outstanding world leader whose invaluable support and contribution to the Philippines will forever be remembered: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, To express, as it hereby expresses, its profound sympathy and sincere condolences on the death of Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

RESOLVED, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of the late Queen Elizabeth II and to the Embassy of United Kingdom in the Philippines.

Adopted,



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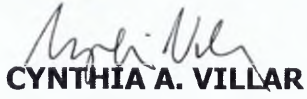
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