



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. Ct. Res. No. 9

BY REPRESENTATIVES ROMUALDEZ (F.M.), DALIPE, ARENAS, BAUTISTA-LIM, TANJUATCO, VARGAS-ALFONSO, NAVA, ROBES, SALO, CARDEMA, FARIÑAS, GATO, ORDANES, TULFO (J.), ALBA, ARBISON, TULFO (R.W.), CO (A.N.), ALVAREZ (J.), ACHARON, ALONTE, DAGOOC, VILLANUEVA, ALVAREZ (M.) AND NOGRALES (M.I.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 326

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

GRANTING CONSENT TO MR. DELFIN N. LORENZANA, BASES CONVERSION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN AND FORMER SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, AND MR. GAMALIEL ASIS CORDOBA, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT, AND FORMER COMMISSIONER OF THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, TO RECEIVE THE AWARDS TO BE CONFERRED ON THEM BY THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO PHILIPPINE-JAPAN RELATIONS

WHEREAS, on 23 February 2022, the Japanese Embassy in the Philippines sent Note No. 135-22 conveying the intention of the Government of Japan to confer The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star upon Mr. Delfin N. Lorenzana, in recognition of his contributions to Philippine-Japan relations as the former Secretary of National Defense;

WHEREAS, on 2 September 2021, the Japanese Embassy to Manila sent Note No. 545-21 conveying the intention of the Government of Japan to confer The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon upon Mr. Gamaliel Asis Cordoba, in recognition of his contributions to Philippine-Japan relations as the former Commissioner of the National Telecommunications Commission;

WHEREAS, The Order of the Rising Sun was established as Japan's first award in 1875 to bestow decorations upon individuals in recognition of their services to the nation or public;

WHEREAS, the decoration is also conferred on foreigners who have made notable contributions to enhance bilateral relations;

WHEREAS, conferment of the award is held biannually on 29 April and 3 November, the latter of which is the intended date for this award;

WHEREAS, previous recipients of a similar award were Mr. Eusebio V. Tang, Philippine-Japan Economic Cooperation Committee (29 April 2020); Mr. Feliciano L. Torres, Chairman of the Philippine-Japan Economic Cooperation Committee (3 November 2018); Mr. Tomas I. Alcantara, Chairman of the Philippine-Japan Economic Cooperation Committee (29 April 2013); Ms. Lydia N. Yu-Jose Professor of the Ateneo de Manila University (29 April 2012); Mr. Francis C. Laurel, President of the Philippine-Japan Society (3 November 2011); Mr. Carlos B. Teraoka, Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Baguio (3 November 2003); and Mr. Virgilio de los Santos, President of the University of Manila (29 April 1996); Mr. Joseph K. H. Uy, Chairman of the Philippine-Japan Economic Cooperation Committee (29 April 1991);

WHEREAS, the conferment of the award to Mr. Lorenzana is in recognition of his role and contribution in strengthening the Philippines-Japan bilateral relations specifically in the area of defense and security cooperation;

WHEREAS, the contribution of Mr. Cordoba is related to his effort to promote the introduction of the Japanese system of digital broadcasting to the Philippines, as well as his contribution to the cooperation of the two countries in the area of information and technology;

WHEREAS, in recognition of their zealous efforts and contributions to enhancing Philippine-Japan relations, the Government of Japan is intending to give honor to Mr. Lorenzana and Mr. Cordoba, by conferring them The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star, and The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon, respectively;

WHEREAS, Article IX, Sub-Article B, Section 8, the Civil Service Commission of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "No elective or appointive public officer or employee shall receive additional, double, or indirect compensation unless specifically authorized by law, nor accept without the consent of Congress, any present, emolument, office, or title of any kind from any foreign government.": Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring,*
- 2 To grant consent to Mr. Delfin N. Lorenzana, Chairperson of the Bases Conversion
- 3 and Development Authority, and former Secretary of the Department of National
- 4 Defense, and Mr. Gamaliel Asis Cordoba, Chairman of the Commission on Audit,
- 5 and former Commissioner of the National Telecommunications Commission to receive

1 the awards to be conferred on them by the Government of Japan for their contributions
2 to Philippine-Japan relations.

3 *Resolved, further,* That copies of this Concurrent Resolution be given to
4 Mr. Delfin N. Lorenzana, and Mr. Gamaliel Asis Cordoba.

Adopted,