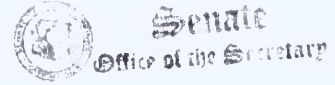
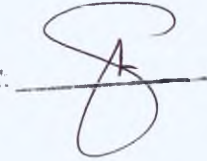


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**RESOLUTION**

**EXPRESSING APPRECIATION OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR THE GRANT OF PARDON TO THREE CONVICTED OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS BY UNITED ARAB EMIRATES PRESIDENT HIS HIGHNESS SHEIKH MOHAMED BIN ZAYED AL NAHYAN IN OBSERVANCE OF THE EID UL-ADHA AND IN RECOGNITION OF THE EFFORTS OF PRESIDENT FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.**

1           WHEREAS, on 27 April 2023, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. appealed, in  
2 two separate letters, to United Arab Emirates (UAE) President His Highness Sheikh  
3 Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan to pardon Filipino convicted prisoners;

4           WHEREAS, on the occasion of Eid ul-Adha, an observance by Muslims  
5 worldwide commonly known as the "Feast of Sacrifice," marked by reflection,  
6 forgiveness, and compassion, it is customary in many Muslim countries to grant  
7 executive clemency to convicted prisoners as a demonstration of compassion and  
8 mercy;

9           WHEREAS, in the spirit of Eid ul-Adha, on 23 June 2023, or five days prior to  
10 its celebration, President H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed pardoned three convicted  
11 overseas Filipino workers for humanitarian reasons;

12           WHEREAS, this was reflected in a message delivered to Department of Interior  
13 and Local Government Secretary Benjamin C. Abalos Jr. from UAE Ambassador to the  
14 Philippines Mohamed Obaid Salem Alqataam Alzaabi: "I am pleased to inform you that  
15 the appeal of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. for three Filipinos... has been granted for  
16 humanitarian pardon by our President H.H. Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan";

1           WHEREAS, President Marcos Jr., in a telephone call, thanked President H.H.  
2    Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed for pardoning our three *kababayan* and reiterated his  
3    invitation to visit the country;

4           WHEREAS, the Philippine government recognizes that the gracious gesture of  
5    President H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed is a testament to President Marcos'  
6    unwavering commitment to promoting strong and multi-faceted relationships with  
7    other nations while ensuring that the country's national interest remains paramount;

8           WHEREAS, with the President's tenacious efforts in fostering strong diplomatic  
9    ties with President H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed, significant achievements have  
10   been attained in ensuring the welfare of at least 600,000 Filipino overseas foreign  
11   workers in UAE;

12          WHEREAS, the Philippines remains committed to further strengthening  
13   Philippines-UAE bilateral ties across all areas of mutual interest, including in  
14   cooperation for the protection and promotion of the welfare of Filipinos in the country:  
15   Now, therefore, be it

16          RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, To express the  
17   appreciation of the Senate of the Philippines for the grant of pardon to three convicted  
18   overseas Filipino workers by United Arab Emirates President His Highness Sheikh  
19   Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan in observance of the Eid ul-Adha and in recognition of  
20   the efforts of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.

Adopted,



**ROBINHOOD PADILLA**  
*Senator*