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Republic of the Philippines
Congress of the Philippines
Metro Manila

Seventeenth Congress

First Regular Session

Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of July, two thousand sixteen.



CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 4

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION GRANTING CONSENT
TO SENATOR FRANKLIN M. DRILON TO ACCEPT
THE GRAND CORDON OF THE ORDER OF THE
RISING SUN TO BE CONFERRED UPON HIM BY
THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN

WHEREAS, Senator Franklin M. Drilon has devoted a life of service to the country that has spanned three (3) decades;

WHEREAS, he has been elected as Senator of the Republic of the Philippines since 1995 and is now serving his fourth term;

WHEREAS, he was elected to the third highest position in the land as Senate President four (4) times in the 11th, 12th, 13th, and 16th Congress;

WHEREAS, prior to his stint in the Senate, he served in three (3) cabinet positions: labor secretary, justice secretary and executive secretary in the administrations of former Presidents Corazon C. Aquino and Fidel V. Ramos;

WHEREAS, since his election as President of the Philippines-Japan Parliamentarians Association (PJPA) in 2011, he has promoted the enhancement of the Philippines' warm and friendly relations with Japan in political, economic, cultural, and social spheres, and has helped deepen the exchange between the Philippines and Japan parliamentarians through the PJPA's counterpart organization – the Japan-Philippines Parliamentarians Friendship League (JPPFL);

WHEREAS, through his leadership in PJPA, he has forged warm relations with Members of the Japanese Parliament, allowing him to play an instrumental role in: obtaining development assistance from Japan; helping ease visa restrictions on our nationals; and relaxing regulations for the deployment of Philippine nurses to Japan;

WHEREAS, in recognition of his untiring efforts to strengthen our relationship and develop a strategic partnership with Japan, the Government of Japan has resolved to award him with the *Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun*;

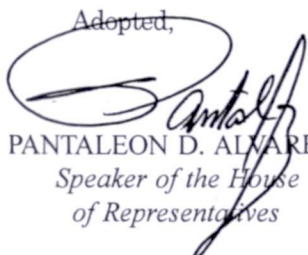
WHEREAS, the *Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun*, an Imperial Decoration established in 1875 by Emperor Meiji, is the oldest medal awarded by the Japanese Government and is one of the highest awards conferred upon foreign nationals in the name of the Emperor of Japan;

WHEREAS, he has dedicated the best years of his life in the service of his people, having worked in the Philippine Government in various capacities and has earned recognition in the international community by representing the Philippines in inter-parliamentary conferences and by being elected to key positions in inter-parliamentary organizations. Further, through this award, he has earned an honor not only for himself but also for the country;

WHEREAS, Article IX-B, Section 8 of the 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 the Congress, any present, emolument, office, or title of any kind from the foreign government.": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, To grant consent to the acceptance by the Honorable Franklin M. Drilon of the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun to be conferred upon him by the Government of Japan and to publicly wear the corresponding insignia of the decoration.

Adopted,




PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ
*Speaker of the House
of Representatives*




AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III
President of the Senate

This Concurrent Resolution was adopted by the Senate and the House of Representatives on September 28, 2016.



CESAR S. PAREJA
*Secretary General
House of Representatives*



LUTGARDO B. BARBO
Secretary of the Senate