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RESOLUTION No. 201

RESOLUTION HONORING PRESIDENT YOON SUK  
YEOL OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ON HIS  
FIRST VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES AND  
COMMENDING HIS EFFORTS TO BUILD UPON  
75 YEARS OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS  
BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND THE  
REPUBLIC OF KOREA

WHEREAS, on 3 March 2024, the Philippines and the Republic of Korea marked 75 years of diplomatic relations, over which time the two countries have formed productive partnerships in various sectors, most prominently in security and defense, trade and investments, culture and education, and people-to-people exchanges;

WHEREAS, in this milestone year, President Yoon Suk Yeol of the Republic of Korea will undertake a state visit to the Philippines, marking his first visit to the country;

WHEREAS, President Yoon's visit signifies Republic of Korea's deep commitment to further strengthen ties with the Philippines, based on our shared values of liberty and democracy;

WHEREAS, the friendship and brotherhood between the Philippines and the Republic of Korea are rooted in history, going back to the Korean War, where the Philippines took a principled stand for freedom and sent 7,420 soldiers to fight alongside the Republic of Korea as part of the Philippine Expeditionary Force to Korea (PEFTOK) under the aegis of the United Nations Command, with 112 Filipino soldiers dying in action, 341 wounded, 16 missing, and 41 repatriated as part of prisoners-of-war exchanges;

WHEREAS, Filipino and Korean soldiers triumphed in the Battle of Yuldong, now commemorated through a monument in Yeoncheon, and remembered as a key battle to defend the Republic of Korea against the communist north;

WHEREAS, over the years, the two countries' brotherhood forged in blood has been nourished by excellent bilateral relations, enduring diplomatic relations, and extensive collaboration in defense, security, economic, and development endeavors, encompassing trade, investment, infrastructure, energy, tourism, and other key areas of cooperation;

WHEREAS, President Yoon has expressed his hopes that the Philippines and the Republic of Korea will enhance their relations and form a Strategic Partnership going forward, a sentiment that has been echoed by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., in a move that will prospectively make the Republic of Korea the fifth country that the Philippines will form a strategic partnership with, after the United States (1951), Japan (2011), Vietnam (2015), and Australia (2023);

WHEREAS, with this visit, President Yoon is paving the way for closer relations between the Philippines and the Republic of Korea, built on 75 years of diplomacy and cooperation, and geared toward a shared vision of an economically robust, culturally dynamic, and peaceful Indo-Pacific region: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To honor President Yoon Suk Yeol of the Republic of Korea on his first visit to the Philippines and commend his efforts to build upon 75 years of diplomatic relations between the Philippines and the Republic of Korea.*

Adopted,



FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO

*President of the Senate*

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 24, 2024.



RENATO N. BANTUG Jr.

*Secretary of the Senate*