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Introduced by **SENATOR VICENTE SOTTO III**

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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION GRANTING CONSENT TO SENATOR  
FRANKLIN M. DRILON TO ACCEPT THE GRAND CORDON OF 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 decades;

WHEREAS, he has been elected as Senator of the Republic of the Philippines since 1995 and is now serving his 4<sup>th</sup> term;

WHEREAS, he was elected to the third highest position in the land as Senate President four times in the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> Congresses;

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 President Corazon C. Aquino and Fidel V. Ramos;

WHEREAS, since his election as President of the Philippine-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 Philippine 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 in 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, with the House of Representatives concurring,*** consents 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,*

  
VICENTE C. SOTTO III