


SENATE
P. S. R. No. 159

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Introduced by Senator Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel III

RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE IN
RECOGNIZING THE UNWAVERING AND STEADFAST
FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE
PHILIPPINES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND
COMMEMORATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR
ROBUST BILATERAL RELATIONS

1 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of
2 Korea are celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the establishment of
3 bilateral relations between the two countries, which commenced on
4 March 3, 1949;

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6 **WHEREAS**, the bilateral relations between the Republic of the
7 Philippines and the Republic of Korea have been tested by history, and
8 is a relationship “forged in blood”, with more than 7,400 Filipino
9 soldiers fighting alongside Republic of Korea troops during the Korean
10 War;

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12 **WHEREAS**, the bilateral relations between the Republic of the
13 Philippines and the Republic of Korea encompasses extensive
14 cooperation in many fields, including trade and investments,
15 infrastructure development, agriculture, tourism, scientific and
16 technological cooperation, energy cooperation, rural development,

1 health and sanitation, defense and security, disaster preparedness and
2 climate change mitigation, and people-to-people exchanges;

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4 **WHEREAS**, the total amount of trade between the Republic of the
5 Philippines and the Republic of Korea in 2018 has reached more than
6 US\$15 billion, making the Republic of Korea the Philippines' fourth
7 largest trading partner;

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9 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of Korea is an active participant in the
10 Philippine Government's "Build Build Build" program, and in addition
11 to the big Korean construction companies participating in the said
12 program, major Korean manufacturing firms and around 1,600 small-
13 and medium-scale Korean businesses in various areas such as the service
14 industry, food and cosmetics, and research and development have
15 invested in the Philippines to broaden their operations;

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17 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of the Philippines acknowledges the
18 significant participation of the Republic of Korea in the Association of
19 Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) through the ASEAN-Republic of
20 Korea dialogue relations, which is marking its 30th Anniversary this year
21 with the holding of the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative
22 Summit to be hosted by the Republic of Korea on November 25-26,
23 2019 in Busan, South Korea;

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25 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of the Philippines hopes to elevate its
26 bilateral relations with the Republic of Korea to that of a "Strategic
27 Partnership", as both countries enter into a mature phase of higher
28 commitments on mutually beneficial areas of cooperation from defense
29 and security, education and health, as well as trade and investments;

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31 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby
32 resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, to recognize the unwavering
33 and steadfast friendship between the Republic of the Philippines and the
34 Republic of Korea and to commemorate the 70 years of robust bilateral
35 relations between the two States, as well as to express the People of the
36 Philippines' sincere gratitude to the Korean people and their

1 Government for their continuing contribution to the economic progress
2 and development of the Republic of the Philippines and the ASEAN
3 region;

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5 **RESOLVED, FINALLY,** that a copy of this Resolution be
6 furnished the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea and the
7 Embassy of the Republic of Korea in the Philippines.

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Adopted,


AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III