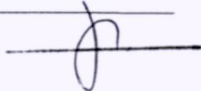


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**RESOLUTION**  
**EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE IN RECOGNIZING THE**  
**ENDURING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES**  
**AND THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE**

1 WHEREAS, the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Singapore are  
2 celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of formal diplomatic relations,  
3 set about on May 1969;

4 WHEREAS, Philippines-Singapore Action Plan, established in 1997 following  
5 Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong's visit to the Philippines, provides a framework for  
6 bilateral cooperation in areas such as economics, information technology, education,  
7 and defense<sup>1</sup>;

8 WHEREAS, apart from robust trade relations, Singapore is also a major  
9 investor in the Philippines;

10 WHEREAS, Singapore is the second highest source of investments of the  
11 Philippines in 2018, committing a total of P21.18 billion, or 11.8 percent of total  
12 foreign pledges. Singapore is also the seventh largest trading partner the Republic of  
13 the Philippines, with two-way trade at US\$10.49 billion<sup>2</sup>;

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<sup>1</sup> Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, Philippines, <https://www.mfa.gov.sg/SINGAPORES-FOREIGN-POLICY/Countries-and-Regions/Southeast-Asia/Philippines>

<sup>2</sup> Philippine Information Agency, PH, Singapore reaffirm close relation, <https://pia.gov.ph/news/articles/1027137>

14 WHEREAS, there are more than 200,000 Filipinos living, working and studying  
15 in Singapore<sup>3</sup>;

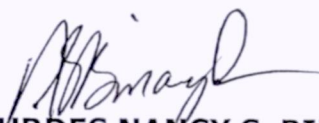
16 WHEREAS, the Republic of the Philippines is steadfast in maintaining and  
17 improving bilateral relations with the Republic of Singapore;

18 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY**  
19 **THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES**, to recognize the enduring friendship  
20 between the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Singapore.

21 **RESOLVED FINALLY**, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the  
22 Embassy of Republic of Singapore in Manila and the National Assembly of the  
23 Republic of Singapore.

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Adopted,

  
**MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY**  
Senator

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<sup>3</sup> The Straits Times, Room for Singapore to do more together with Philippines: President Halimah, <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/room-for-singapore-to-do-more-together-with-the-philippines-president-halimah>