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RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE HEROISM OF THOSE IN THE FRONTLINES IN LEADING THE NATION'S BATTLE AGAINST THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND FOR THEIR RELENTLESS SPIRIT IN KEEPING THE FILIPINO SAFE IN THE FACE OF THIS UNSEEN ADVERSARY

WHEREAS, in December 2019, the outbreak of the novel coronavirus disease 2019 or Covid-19, a new strain of infectious respiratory disease, was reported in Wuhan, China;

WHEREAS, following the epidemic of Covid-19 in Wuhan, China, the Philippines instituted measures to safeguard the welfare of the Filipino, which included the organization of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF), the issuance of travel bans, the acquisition of confirmatory test kits, and the declaration of President Rodrigo R. Duterte of a state of public health emergency in the entire country, which mobilized all government agencies and local government units to implement urgent and appropriate measures to curtail and eliminate the threat of Covid-19;

WHEREAS, as of 5 May 2020, the Health department reported a total of 9,684 cases and it also reported, on 27 April 2020, that a total of 1,245 healthcare workers and professionals have been infected with the fatal disease, with 27 fatally succumbing to Covid-19;

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines is one with the families and loved ones of the healthcare workers, professionals, and other frontliners who perished in our battle against Covid-19 in commemorating their heroism and selfless sacrifice for putting their lives on the line and in ensuring the safety of the greater good;

WHEREAS, we recognize and acknowledge the exemplary courage and bravery of those in the frontlines who continue to fulfill their duties and keep the Filipino healthy and safe, and those who risk their lives in bringing service to the Filipino: the healthcare professionals and workers, armed personnel who maintain order in our respective borders, barangay workers and volunteers who attend to those on the ground, delivery services, street sweepers and garbage collectors, employees of supermarkets and similar establishments, and others who put their lives on the line in bringing services to the Filipino; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to recognize and honor the heroism of those in the frontlines in leading the nation's battle against the Covid-19 pandemic and their relentless spirit in keeping the Filipino safe in the face of this unseen adversary.

Adopted,

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