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RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE IN RECOGNIZING THE STRONG FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE AND COMMEMORATING THE 54TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

1 WHEREAS, this year marks the 54th anniversary of the diplomatic relations
2 between the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Singapore;

3 WHEREAS, since the establishment of the diplomatic relations between the two
4 countries on May 16, 1969, Singapore has been a strong partner of the Philippines in
5 nurturing and fostering a longstanding relationship of mutual respect, peace and
6 prosperity;

7 WHEREAS, both nations have shown strong commitment to maintaining peace
8 and order in Southeast Asia and have worked together as collaborative founding
9 members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN);

10 WHEREAS, the Philippines and Singapore have been partners in meaningful
11 collaborations in the fields of trade and investment, education and culture, defense
12 and cooperation, and tourism, among others;

13 WHEREAS, data show that Singapore is the 5th largest trading partner of the
14 Philippines in the world, and the largest in Southeast Asia alone, which amounted to
15 a total of US\$11.4 billion in 2021;

16 WHEREAS, Singapore is also the biggest source of the Philippines' foreign
17 investments amounting to P80.17 billion, comprising 41.7% of the total approved
18 foreign investments in 2021;

1 WHEREAS, the Singaporean education system, which has been said to be one
2 of the best in the world, was primarily considered by the Philippine government as a
3 model for the reforms to be introduced to the Philippine education system;

4 WHEREAS, the Philippines-Singapore Defense Policy Dialogue was already
5 convened on its 6th session as a platform to exchange views and insights on recent
6 security developments in the region, as well as future initiatives which the two defense
7 ministries could further discuss through bilateral and multilateral platforms as part of
8 their mutual commitment to further revitalize the two nations' defense and security
9 ties;

10 WHEREAS, the Singaporeans rank 8th in terms of number in the list of foreign
11 tourists visiting the Philippines on a regular basis;

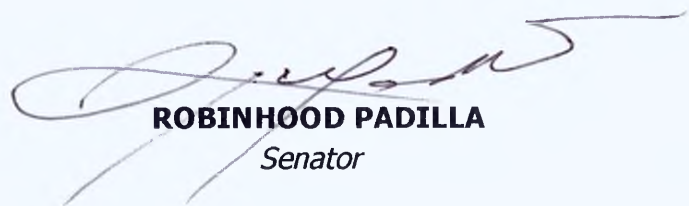
12 WHEREAS, Singapore is also the top tourist destination for many Filipinos every
13 year;

14 WHEREAS, the strong ties between the Filipino and Singaporean peoples are
15 further affirmed by the 200,000-strong Filipino community in Singapore, contributing
16 to the diverse and vibrant society and economy of both countries;

17 WHEREAS, the Philippines hopes to further deepen its bilateral relations and
18 cooperation with Singapore to that of a strategic partnership of two neighboring
19 countries, having shared democratic values, common strategic interests, and mutual
20 aspirations for peace, progress, and sustainable development in the region, and the
21 rest of the world: Now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, To recognize the strong
23 friendship and cooperation between the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic
24 of Singapore and to commemorate the 54 years of steadfast and unwavering
25 diplomatic relations between the two nations, as well as express sincere gratitude to
26 the Singaporean people and their government for their continuing friendship and
27 contribution to the economic progress and development of the Republic of the
28 Philippines and the ASEAN region;

29 RESOLVED, finally, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Parliament
30 of Singapore and the Embassy of the Republic of Singapore in the Philippines.



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Senator