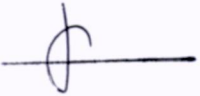




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RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE IN RECOGNIZING THE
STRONG AND ROBUST AMITY AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE AND
COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS

1 **WHEREAS**, the year 2019 marks a significant milestone for the Republic of
2 the Philippines and the Republic of Singapore as we celebrate the golden jubilee or
3 50th anniversary of the diplomatic relations between both States, which was formally
4 established on May 16, 1969;

5 **WHEREAS**, relations between the Philippines and Singapore remain
6 unwavering and robust through the years as both States cooperate and collaborate
7 well in various regional and multilateral fora wherein both States are founding
8 members of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and are active
9 members of the World Trade Organization, among others;

10 **WHEREAS**, the bilateral cooperation between the Philippines and Singapore
11 has been dynamic and extensive in the areas of trade, economics, education, culture
12 and the arts, tourism, information technology, defense, security, taxation,
13 transportation, utilities, and infrastructure development;

14 **WHEREAS**, the Philippines and Singapore continue to enjoy close ties as more
15 than 200,000 Filipinos live, work and study in Singapore¹ mutually contributing to
16 the formation of our society and economy;

¹ "Philippines, Singapore reaffirm close relations", September 10, 2019,
<https://pia.gov.ph/news/articles/1027137>

1 **WHEREAS**, the bilateral economic relations between the Philippines and
2 Singapore remain steadfast as Singapore serves as the Philippines' 5th largest export
3 market worldwide, its 7th largest trading partner with two-way trade of US\$10.49
4 billion and its 2nd highest source of investments with commitments totaling
5 PhP21.18 billion or 11.8% of total foreign pledges in 2018²;

6 **WHEREAS**, the State Visit of Singapore's President Halimah Yacob to the
7 Philippines last September 8 – 12, 2019 demonstrates the strong partnership and
8 dynamic cooperation of both States as eight (8) agreements towards mutual
9 understanding and beneficial partnerships on innovation, education, cultural
10 cooperation, data protection, waterworks and sewerage systems, human capital,
11 and infrastructure development between the two governments were signed;

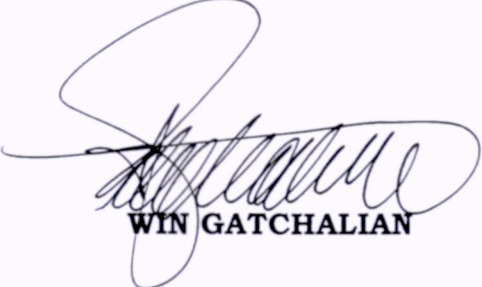
12 **WHEREAS**, the continuous exchange of ideas and experiences between the
13 two States thru the Lee Kuan Yew Exchange Fellowship program of Singapore has
14 allowed the Philippines to learn from the success and best practices of Singapore in
15 various areas of expertise and endeavors, and has further enhanced and
16 strengthened the bilateral relations between the Philippines and Singapore;

17 **WHEREAS**, the Philippines hopes to deepen its bilateral relations and
18 cooperation with Singapore to that of a strategic partnership, as both States explore
19 a higher level of commitment on mutually beneficial areas of cooperation on defense
20 and security, education, health, infrastructure, utilities, trade and investments;

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate
22 of the Philippines to recognize the strong and robust amity and cooperation between
23 the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Singapore and to commemorate
24 the 50 years of steadfast and unwavering diplomatic relations between the two
25 States, as well as to express sincere gratitude to the Singaporean people and their
26 Government for their continuing contribution to the economic progress and
27 development of the Republic of the Philippines and the ASEAN region;

28 **RESOLVED, FINALLY**, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished the
29 Parliament of Singapore and the Embassy of the Republic of Singapore in the
30 Philippines.

31 Adopted,



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² <https://www.philippine-embassy.org.sg/about-us-2/overview-of-philippines-singapore-relations/>