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Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF HUNGARY UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SPEAKER LÁSZLÓ KÖVÉR FOR HIS KEY ROLE IN STRENGTHENING PHILIPPINES-HUNGARY INTER-PARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS

WHEREAS, the Philippines and Hungary have enjoyed 48 years of diplomatic ties with Hungary, having reopened its Embassy in Manila in 2017 in line with its new foreign and trade policy direction of "opening to the East";

WHEREAS, Hungary is a friend of the Philippines, having defended the country from criticism in international fora and is an ally in the European Union (EU) in supporting its status as a GSP+ (Generalized Scheme of Preferences Plus) beneficiary;

WHEREAS, Hungary provides the *Stipendium Hungaricum* Scholarship Program that supports Filipino scholars annually pursuing undergraduate, masters and doctorate studies in the fields of agriculture and sustainable development, medicine, water management and engineering and hydrology, architecture and protection of cultural heritage, natural sciences and environmental studies and other fields of interest of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Philippines-Hungary Parliamentary Friendship Association was created in 2000 and was re-established in 2017 with an expanded membership;

WHEREAS, a Delegation from the Senate of the Philippines undertook a Parliamentary Visit to Hungary from 15-18 October 2019 and met with Deputy Speaker Istvan Jakáb; Hon. Zsolt Csenger-Zalán, Chairman of the Hungary-Philippines Friendship Group of the Hungarian National Assembly, Hon. Andrea Varga-Damm, Member of the National Assembly, and Dr. Péter Sztáray, State Secretary for Security Policy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade;

WHEREAS, Speaker László Kövér designated Deputy Speaker Istvan Jakáb of the National Assembly of Hungary to undertake an official visit to the Philippines from 10 to 19 November 2021 to further strengthen relations;

WHEREAS, the main purpose of this visit is to continue the highest level of parliamentary dialogue and forge stronger cooperation in the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), meet with Filipino officials to develop more collaboration in the fields of agriculture and water management, as well as to honor the successful organization of the World Eucharistic Congress held in Cebu in 2016;

WHEREAS, Speaker László Kövér, through his able leadership in promoting and further strengthening parliamentary exchanges, should be commended as the Senate of the Philippines looks forward to more productive exchanges in the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines to commend the National Assembly of Hungary and congratulate Speaker László Kövér for his key role in reinvigorating and further strengthening Philippines-Hungary inter-parliamentary relations.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the National Assembly of Hungary through Deputy Speaker Istvan Jakáb.

Adopted,



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI