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SENATE

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Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE RELEVANT NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE SUCCESSFUL HOSTING OF THE 31st ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM HELD IN MANILA ON 23-26 NOVEMBER 2023

WHEREAS, first established in 1992 by Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) is the premier parliamentary forum in the Asia Pacific region;

WHEREAS, as a regional parliamentary forum, the APPF promotes regional cooperation in the Asia Pacific by providing the dialogue mechanism that enables parliamentarians to engage with their counterparts and address pressing political, security and socio-economic issues and challenges of common concern;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate and the House of Representatives had the honor to host the 31st Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum in Manila on 23-26 November 2023;

WHEREAS, the successful hosting of the three-day conference, which was participated in by 19 parliamentary delegations or a total of 267 individuals from the Asia Pacific region, would not have been possible without the unequivocal assistance and support of the following:

The President of the Republic of the Philippines, President Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos, Jr., who, through issuing Memorandum Circular No. 36, which directed relevant national government agencies to render full support and assistance to the Congress of the Philippines, and for hosting the Welcome Reception in Malacañang on 23 November 2023 for the APPF delegates;

The Bureau of Immigration for facilitating immigration procedures for all the APPF delegates;

The Cultural Center of the Philippines for providing a cultural presentation during the inaugural ceremony;

The Department of Foreign Affairs for providing invaluable technical and protocolar assistance during the entire conference;

The Department of Tourism for warmly welcoming the delegates upon arrival at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, and for providing the delegates with information on the Philippines' various natural and cultural attractions, and the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority for providing welcome banners and other tourism promotional displays for the event;

The Department of Trade and Industry for installing the "One Town, One Product" exhibit at the event venue;

The Local Governments of the City of Pasay, the City of Taguig, the City of Makati, the City of Parañaque and the City of Manila, for providing assistance in traffic management during the event and issuing relevant permits, and the Local Government of Tagaytay City and the Office of Senator Francis Tolentino for hosting a cultural tour in Tagaytay;

The Manila International Airport Authority for receiving the delegates upon arrival at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, and for facilitating the arrival and departure procedures of the APPF delegates;

The Metropolitan Manila Development Authority for initiating improvement works along the APPF ceremonial routes, for leading in the installation and projection of physical and digital APPF promotional materials, and for providing traffic management assistance during the event;

The National Museum for hosting a museum tour for the delegates;

The Philippine International Convention Center, for accommodating the Annual Meeting of the APPF to use its facilities over the three-day conference;

The Philippine National Police for providing overall police security support, and escorts to the delegations, and in providing assistance in traffic management during the event;

And most especially, to the men and women of the Senate Secretariat, the Senate Proper, and the House of Representatives employees and Congressional staff for their invaluable work in organizing and facilitating all the activities of the APPF;

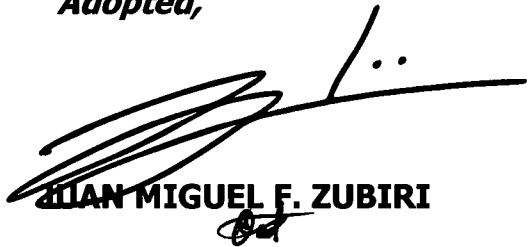
WHEREAS, the 31st Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum concluded with the adoption of 10 resolutions and the signing of a Joint Communiqué which included matters on politics and security, economy and trade, and regional cooperation in the Asia Pacific, among others;

WHEREAS, the country's successful hosting of the 31st Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum is a testament to the Philippines' readiness to play a more active role in regional affairs, and to foster stronger partnerships with our neighbors in the Asia Pacific;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to Commend the Relevant National Government Agencies and Local Government Units for Their Contributions in the Successful Hosting of the 31st Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum Held in Manila on 23-26 November 2023.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be provided to the national agencies and local governments cited herein.

Adopted,



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