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Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel "Migz" F. Zubiri

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE IN CELEBRATING THE ROBUST INTER-PARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF HUNGARY, AND HONORING THE STEADFAST LEADERSHIP OF ITS DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER, THE HONORABLE LÁSZLÓ KÖVÉR

WHEREAS, with the formal establishment of diplomatic relations between the Republic of the Philippines and Hungary on 28 September 1973, we commemorate the 52nd Anniversary of bilateral relations between our two countries this year, 2025;

WHEREAS, as an "ally" and friend of the Philippines in the European Union (EU), Hungary has consistently supported the Philippines' position on global issues, especially on the peaceful settlement of conflicts in consonance with international law, as well as the Philippines' bid for a greater role in international relations, particularly in its membership in the United Nations Security Council and the United Nations Commission on International Trade; a positive trajectory of our relations borne out of an alignment of views in international relations- on respecting the sovereignty of each nation and on the value of constructive engagement and dialogue;

WHEREAS, economic relations between the Philippines and Hungary have grown significantly, with Hungary supporting the Philippines as a priority beneficiary of EU's Generalized Scheme of Preferences Plus (GSP+) as well as in pursuing the Philippines Free Trade Agreement negotiations with the E.U.;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate and the National Assembly of Hungary enjoy robust inter-parliamentary ties, facilitated mainly through our respective friendship groups, whose relations have been marked with substantial and open dialogue, frequent exchanges of high-level visits between Filipino and Hungarian Members of Parliament, and support for the provision of development cooperation in the fields of agriculture, water management and education;

WHEREAS, created in 2000, the Philippines-Hungary Parliamentary Friendship Association was relaunched in December 2017, with the expansion of its membership and with Senator Juan Miguel Zubiri serving as its President, has been proven to be very instrumental in the active engagements of both parliaments over the years;

WHEREAS, the Hungary-Philippines Friendship Group was formed on 12 August 2022 and chaired by the Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Hungary, The Honorable Istvan Jakab; who undertook an official visit to the Philippines from 10-19 November 2021, upon the invitation of the Senate of the Philippines, where several Memoranda of Understanding on academic and agriculture cooperation were signed; and where the highest appreciation was accorded to the National Assembly of Hungary for its commitment in further strengthening Philippines-Hungary inter-parliamentary relations;

WHEREAS, an eight-member Delegation from the Senate of the Philippines undertook a parliamentary visit to the National Assembly of Hungary from 15-18 October 2019; and again on 25-26 October 2023, both led by then Senate President Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, the second visit of which was hosted by Speaker Laszlo Kover and Deputy Speaker Istvan Jakab; and likewise met with several Hungarian government officials as well as with officials of the Hungarian University of Agriculture and Sciences (*MATE*); where both parties discussed ways on how Hungary could assist the Philippines by sharing its expertise in the areas of safety and disaster management, agriculture, healthcare, education, and even in sports;

WHEREAS, this October 2025, the Speaker of the National Assembly of Hungary, The Honorable László Kövér, is personally leading a Delegation to the Philippines to further strengthen and deepen our parliamentary relations, signaling the commitment of the National Assembly of Hungary to maintain the highest level of parliamentary dialogue and cooperation with the Senate of the Philippines; which deserve the highest appreciation of the Senate of the Philippines;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Philippine Senate expresses its profound sense in celebrating the robust inter-parliamentary relations between the Senate of the Philippines and the National Assembly of Hungary, and honoring the leadership of its distinguished Speaker, The Honorable László Kövér;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the National Assembly of Hungary through Speaker László Kövér.

Adopted,



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