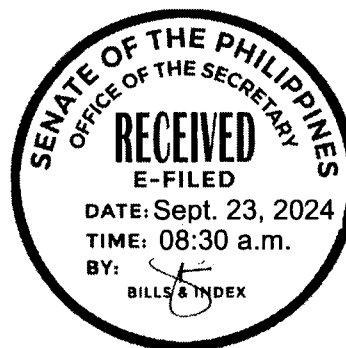


SENATE

P.S. Res. No. 1204



Introduced by Senators JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI and WIN GATCHALIAN

RESOLUTION

**HONORING PRESIDENT YOON SUK YEOL OF SOUTH KOREA ON HIS FIRST VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES AND COMMENDING HIS EFFORTS TO BUILD UPON 75 YEARS OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND SOUTH KOREA**

**WHEREAS**, on 3 March 2024, the Philippines and South Korea marked 75 years of diplomatic relations, over which time the two countries have formed productive partnerships in various sectors, most prominently in security and defense, trade and investments, culture and education, and people-to-people exchanges;

**WHEREAS**, on this milestone year, President Yoon Suk Yeol of South Korea is making a state visit to the Philippines, making him the first South Korean President to visit the country since then-President Lee Myung-bak in 2011;

**WHEREAS**, this visit from President Yoon, his first in the Philippines, signifies South Korea's deep commitment to further strengthening its ties with the Philippines, based on our shared values of liberty and democracy;

**WHEREAS**, the friendship and brotherhood between the Philippines and South Korea are rooted in history, going back to the Korean War, where the Philippines took a principled stand for freedom and sent 7,420 soldiers to fight alongside South Korea as part of Philippine Expeditionary Forces to the Republic of South Korea under the aegis of the United Nations Command, with 116 Filipino soldiers dying in action, 299 wounded, 57 missing, and 41 repatriated as part of prisoners of war exchanges;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine troops' most remarkable victory during the Korean War was the Battle of Yuldong, where around 900 Filipino soldiers faced and successfully drove out about 40,000 fighters from the Chinese People's Volunteer Army, resulting in a triumph that has been commemorated through a monument in Yeoncheon, South Korea, and has been remembered for being a key battle in defending South Korea from falling to the communist north;

**WHEREAS**, over the years, this Philippine-South Korean brotherhood that has been forged in blood has been nourished by leaders, officials, and peoples of both countries, leading to the current excellent state of the countries' bilateral relations;

**WHEREAS**, both countries have become significant defense, security, economic and development partners who continuously collaborate in various areas of cooperation, including trade and investment, infrastructure, energy, tourism, blue economy, agriculture, among others;

**WHEREAS**, President Yoon has expressed his hopes that the Philippines and South Korea will be able to enhance their relations and form a Strategic Partnership going

forward, a sentiment that has been echoed by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., in a move that will prospectively make South Korea the fifth country that the Philippines will form a Strategic Partnership with, after the United States (1951), Japan (2011), Vietnam (2015), and Australia (2023);

**WHEREAS**, with this visit, President Yoon is paving the way for closer Philippine-South Korean relations, built on 75 years of diplomacy and cooperation, and geared toward a shared vision of an economically robust, culturally dynamic, and peaceful Indo-Pacific region;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to honor President Yoon Suk Yeol of South Korea on his first visit to the Philippines and commending his efforts to build upon 75 years of diplomatic relations between the Philippines and South Korea.

**Adopted,**

  
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WIN GATCHALIAN