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RESOLUTION  
CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE  
TREATY ON EXTRADITION BETWEEN THE  
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 7, Section 21, states: "No treaty or international agreement shall be valid and effective unless concurred in by at least two-thirds of all the members of the Senate";

WHEREAS, the Treaty on Extradition between the Republic of the Philippines and the Kingdom of Spain was signed in Manila on 2 March 2004;

WHEREAS, the Treaty provides for the general obligation between the Contracting Parties to extradite to each other, in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty, any person who is wanted for prosecution, imposition, or enforcement of a sentence in the Requesting State for an extraditable offense;

WHEREAS, the Treaty strengthens the bilateral cooperation between the Philippines and Spain in the investigation, prosecution and suppression of crimes, particularly transnational crimes;

WHEREAS, the increasing frequency of transnational crimes, such as terrorism, money laundering, corruption, human trafficking, as well as other violations of human rights, necessitates this Treaty as a vital operational tool in the pursuit of justice and public safety;

WHEREAS, the Treaty, Article 23, provides that it shall enter into force thirty days after the date on which the Contracting Parties have notified each other in writing that their respective requirements for the entry into force of the Treaty have been met;

WHEREAS, the President of the Philippines ratified the Treaty on Extradition between the Republic of the Philippines and the Kingdom of Spain on 6 December 2013 and has accordingly submitted it to the Senate for concurrence in accordance with the Constitution;

WHEREAS, in the hearings conducted by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on 4 February 2012 and 20 February 2014, the following government agencies have endorsed the concurrence in the ratification of the Treaty on Extradition between the Republic of the Philippines and the Kingdom of Spain:

1. Department of Foreign Affairs;
2. Department of Justice;
3. Bureau of Immigration; and
4. National Bureau of Investigation

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Senate of the Philippines concur, as it hereby concurs, in the ratification of the Treaty on Extradition between the Republic of the Philippines and the Kingdom of Spain.

Adopted,

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Chair  
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