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RESOLUTION NO. SP-1824-2002¹

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING FULL SUPPORT TO THE PROTEST OF THE FILIPINO DOMESTIC HELPERS IN HONGKONG AGAINST THE PLAN TO REDUCE THEIR BASIC PAY.

Introduced by Councilors **VOLTAIRE GODOFREDO L. LIBAN III, ROMMEL R. ABESAMIS, RAMON P. MEDALLA, ERIC Z. MEDINA, MARY ANN L. SUSANO, ANTONIO E. INTON, JR., RESTITUTO B. MALAÑGEN, JORGE L. BANAL and DANTE M. DE GUZMAN.**

Co-Introduced by Councilors **Wilma Amoranto Sarino, Vincent P. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Bernadette Herrera-Dy, Aiko Melendez-Yllana, Allan T. Francisco, Julian M.L. Coseteng, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Diorella Maria Sotto-De Leon, Jesus C. Suntay, Alma F. Montilla, and Janet M. Malaya.**

WHEREAS, the Filipino domestic helpers who are employed in Hongkong are reportedly paid a minimum wage of HK \$ 3,670.00 for working 18 hours a day, six days a week as live-in maids;

WHEREAS, the minimum wage of foreign domestic helpers in Hongkong was cut by 5% in 1999 as a result of the Asian economic crisis and has been frozen since then;

WHEREAS, the Hongkong government has again been considering a proposal to cut the minimum monthly salary levels for domestic helpers by up to 20%;

WHEREAS, the Filipino domestic helpers in said place has staged a high rally on January 13, 2002 to press Hongkong authorities to desist from its plan to reduce their wages;

WHEREAS, the Filipino domestic helpers are among the best in the world where they are not only industrious, efficient, dedicated and serve well their employers, but are also honest, trustworthy, faithful, and can communicate in English;

WHEREAS, such proposed reduction in the minimum wage of Filipino domestic helpers in Hongkong will greatly affect their income which they send to their families back home;

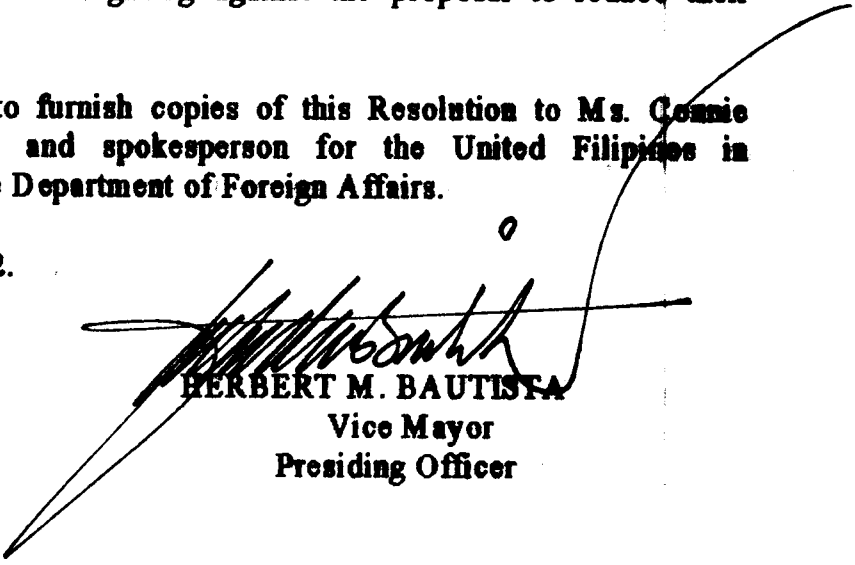
WHEREAS, there is a felt need for the Quezon City Council to express its support to the protest of said Filipino domestic helpers against the proposed reduction of their minimum wage, to make them feel that they are not alone in the efforts to seek a fair return for their labors;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, to express, as it does hereby express, its support to the protest of the Filipino domestic helpers in Hongkong against the proposal to reduce their minimum wage by about 20%;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish copies of this Resolution to Ms. Connie Bragas-Regalado, rally organizer and spokesperson for the United Filipinos in Hongkong, and the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

ADOPTED: August 6, 2002.



HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary
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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution which was APPROVED on Second Reading on August 6, 2002, was CONFIRMED by the City Council on August 20, 2002


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary
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