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Aloha and mabuhay!

July 4th has been referred to in the Philippines as Philippine-American Friendship Day. It marks the day when the United States "handed back" to the Philippines in 1946 its hard-fought independence from their Spanish colonial masters in 1898 which was taken over by the United States in 1902 after the more than three years of Filipino-American War (1899-1902). During World War II, Filipinos and Americans fought side by side in defense of freedom and democracy. Since then, Philippine-American relations were cemented, opening even wider doors for economic, cultural and security partnerships.

The Philippines has become the oldest security ally of the US in Southeast Asia and one of the five treaty allies of the US in the Pacific region.

This year, the Philippines and the United States mark the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relationship between the two countries and I support Senate Resolution (SR) 180 in recognizing the Diamond Jubilee of this historic event.

IN ADDITION to promoting "mutually beneficial cooperation" and "Filipino American culture and traditions", I would like to see explicit articulation of the State's

1. Support for democratic institutions and process in the country
2. Respect for human rights and dignity across the archipelago

These are very important and timely friendly prompts that have been the foundation of Philippine-American relationship and given current developments.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and express my thoughts on this Resolution.

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As a former president of the Filipino Young Leaders Program (FYLPRO), an international nonprofit which develops a pipeline of leaders in the United States and help strengten the bridge between the US and the Philippines, it is my honor to submit testimony in **support** of this recognition.

With four million - and counting - Filipinos in the United States, recognizing and understanding the history between our nations are instrumental in our path moving forward.

We continue to celebrate this milestone with an economic recovery event between our sister cities in the month of October for the MabuHI Pacific Virtual Expo and Summit. www.mabuhiexpo.com

Mahalo for your support!