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# SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF DIPLOMATIC  
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PHILIPPINES.

1           WHEREAS, the Filipino-American community is among the  
2 largest Asian American and Pacific Islander groups in the United  
3 States of America; and  
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5           WHEREAS, Filipino Americans have helped shape the history  
6 of the State and have contributed to the development of Hawaii  
7 from the arrival of the first fifteen Filipino plantation  
8 workers on December 20, 1906, up to the present; and  
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10           WHEREAS, individuals of Filipino ethnicity in Hawaii make  
11 up the largest part of the State's population; and  
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13           WHEREAS, Filipinos have a long-standing history of serving  
14 in the Armed Forces of the United States, with many having  
15 received the Congressional Medal of Honor, and continue to  
16 demonstrate a sense of patriotism and honor in the Armed Forces;  
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19           WHEREAS, strong ties of friendship and cooperation link the  
20 peoples of Hawaii and the Philippines, demonstrated through the  
21 existence of economic and people-to-people exchanges as well as  
22 a large number of sister city relationships between the cities  
23 and counties of Hawaii and cities and municipalities of the  
24 Philippines; and  
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26           WHEREAS, the United States of America and the Republic of  
27 the Philippines established diplomatic relations on July 4,  
28 1946; now, therefore,  
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30           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021,  
32 that this body recognizes the seventy-fifth anniversary of the  
33 establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States  
34 and the Philippines on July 4, 2021; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body is committed to  
2 exploring opportunities for mutually beneficial cooperation  
3 between the people of Hawaii and the Philippines; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the Philippine  
6 Consulate General in Honolulu to continue to promote Filipino-  
7 American culture and traditions in keeping with the long history  
8 shared between Hawaii and the Philippines; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Philippine  
12 Consulate General in Honolulu.  
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OFFERED BY:

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