
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE
REPUBLIC OF 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 portion 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 by the
21 existence of economic and people-to-people exchanges as well as
22 the 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, the



1 House of Representatives concurring, that this body recognizes
2 the seventy-fifth anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic
3 relations between the United States of America and the Republic
4 of the Philippines on July 4, 2021; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body is committed to
7 exploring opportunities for mutually beneficial cooperation
8 between the people of Hawaii and the Philippines; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the Philippine
11 Consulate General in Honolulu to continue to promote Filipino-
12 American culture and traditions in keeping with the long history
13 shared between Hawaii and the Philippines; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body renews its support
16 for the democratic institutions and processes established in the
17 Philippines and their commitment to the preservation of and
18 respect for human rights and dignity; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and
22 Philippine Consulate General in Honolulu.

