
HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF
FILIPINOS TO HAWAII AND RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF
THE FILIPINO PEOPLE TO HAWAII'S ECONOMY, CULTURE, AND
HISTORY.

1 WHEREAS, the global diaspora of Filipinos has greatly
2 impacted the economy, culture, and history of many cities and
3 countries throughout the world; and
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5 WHEREAS, the year 2006 marks one hundred years since the
6 arrival of Filipinos in Hawaii, which the Legislature recognized
7 in 2002 by creating the Filipino Centennial Celebration
8 Commission that was tasked with planning for the celebration of
9 the life and experiences of Filipinos in Hawaii; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Commission kicked off its yearlong, statewide
12 observance on December 10, 2005 in honor of the fifteen sakada
13 pioneers who arrived in Hawaii on December 20, 1906, and were
14 assigned to the former Ola'a sugar plantation on the Big Island;
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17 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the story of Hawaii's
18 Filipinos includes sacrifice, hard work, success, and families
19 in search of the American dream, whose rich culture and proud
20 heritage have contributed significantly and substantially to
21 Hawaii's diverse multicultural society; and
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23 WHEREAS, subsequent generations of Filipinos have built
24 upon the foundation established by the sakadas, taken advantage
25 of educational opportunities, and continue to contribute to the
26 political, social, and economic life of Hawaii; and
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28 WHEREAS, more than 273,000 residents of Filipino or part-
29 Filipino ancestry, or twenty-three per cent of the State's
30 population, comprise the fastest-growing ethnic group in Hawaii;
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WHEREAS, commemorative events, exhibits, educational opportunities, conferences, and other venues to learn about the history and achievements of Filipinos have taken place throughout Hawaii, at our nation's capitol in Washington, D.C., and in the Philippines; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, that this body commemorates the one hundredth anniversary of the arrival of Filipinos to Hawaii and recognizes the contributions of the Filipino people to Hawaii's economy, culture, and history; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Filipino Centennial Celebration Commission.

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