

AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 25, 2009

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 48

Introduced by Senator Yee

June 8, 2009

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 48—Relative to Filipino American History Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 48, as amended, Yee. Filipino American History Month.

This measure would designate the month of October 2009, and every October thereafter, as Filipino American History Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The earliest documented proof of Filipino presence
2 in the continental United States was the date of October 18, 1587,
3 when the first “Luzones-Idios” *Indios* set foot in Morro Bay,
4 California, as published by Lorraine Crouchett in her book,
5 *Filipinos in California* (1982), which annotated John Walton
6 Caughey’s book, *California* (1953); and

7 WHEREAS, The Filipino American National Historical Society
8 recognizes the year of 1763 as the date of the first permanent
9 Filipino settlement in the United States in St. Malo Parrish,
10 Louisiana, which set in motion the focus on the story of our
11 nation’s past from a new perspective by concentrating on the
12 economic, cultural, social, and other notable contributions that
13 Filipino Americans have made in countless ways toward the
14 development of the United States history; and

15 WHEREAS, Efforts must continue to promote the study of
16 Filipino American history and culture, as mandated in the mission

1 statement of the Filipino American National ~~History~~ *Historical*
2 Society, because the roles of Filipino Americans and other people
3 of color have been overlooked in the writing, teaching, and learning
4 of United States history; and

5 WHEREAS, It is imperative for Filipino American youth to
6 have positive role models to instill in them the importance of
7 education, complemented with the richness of their ethnicity and
8 the value of their legacy; and

9 WHEREAS, California is home to over half of the Filipino
10 population in the United States and the location of historic Filipino
11 communities such as in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Stockton,
12 Vallejo, Delano, San Diego, and Salinas among others; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
15 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes October 2009,
16 the 422nd anniversary of the presence of Filipinos in California,
17 as a significant time to study the advancement of Filipino
18 Americans in the history of California and the United States, as a
19 favorable time of celebration, remembrance, reflection, and
20 motivation, and as a relevant time to renew more efforts toward
21 research, examination, and promulgation of Filipino American
22 history and culture in order to provide an opportunity for all
23 Californians to learn and appreciate more about Filipino Americans
24 and their historic contributions to California and the United States;
25 and be it further

26 *Resolved*, That the Legislature designates October 2009, and
27 every October thereafter, as Filipino American History Month;
28 and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
30 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.