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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 48

Introduced by Senator Yee
(Coauthors: Senators Liu, Wiggins, and Wolk)

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 Indios” set foot in Morro Bay, California,
4 as published by Lorraine Crouchett in her book, *Filipinos in*
5 *California* (1982), which annotated John Walton Caughey’s book,
6 *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

1 development of ~~United States history~~ *the history of the United*
2 *States*; and

3 WHEREAS, Efforts must continue to promote the study of
4 Filipino American history and culture, as mandated in the mission
5 statement of the Filipino American National Historical Society,
6 because the roles of Filipino Americans and other people of color
7 have been overlooked in the writing, teaching, and learning of
8 United States history; and

9 WHEREAS, It is imperative for Filipino American youth to
10 have positive role models to instill in them the importance of
11 education, complemented with the richness of their ethnicity and
12 the value of their legacy; and

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

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

30 *Resolved*, That the Legislature designates October 2009, and
31 every October thereafter, as Filipino American History Month;
32 and be it further

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