

Introduced by Senator Corbett

June 4, 2012

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 96—Relative to Philippine Independence Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 96, as amended, Corbett. Philippine Independence Day.

This measure would recognize June 12, 2012, as the 114th Anniversary of Philippine Independence, and would call upon the people of the state to observe the month of June with appropriate ceremonies, programs, and activities.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, On June 12, 2012, the ~~Filipino-American~~ *Filipino*
2 *American* community will celebrate the 114th Anniversary of
3 Philippine Independence, and on this occasion it is appropriate to
4 make special recognition of California's ~~Filipino-American~~ *Filipino*
5 *Americans* citizens and thank them for their countless contributions
6 to our nation's cultural, economic, and political heritage; and
7 WHEREAS, The Philippine Declaration of Independence took
8 place on June 12, 1898, in the town of ~~Cavite-Viejo~~ *Cavite el Viejo*
9 (now known as Kawit) in the province of Cavite in the Philippines
10 when Filipino revolutionary forces under the leadership of General
11 Emilio Aguinaldo publicly read the Act of Declaration of
12 Independence proclaiming the sovereignty and independence of
13 the Philippine Islands from the colonial rule of Spain, after United

1 States and Filipino revolutionary forces defeated Spain at the Battle
2 of Manila Bay during the Spanish-American War; and

3 WHEREAS, The declaration was not recognized by the United
4 States or Spain. Spain later ceded the Philippines to the United
5 States in the 1898 Treaty of Paris that ended the Spanish-American
6 War. The United States government did not recognize Philippine
7 Independence until the signing of the Treaty of Manila on July 4,
8 1946; and

9 WHEREAS, For nearly two decades, July 4 was observed in
10 the Philippines as Independence Day until President ~~Diosado~~
11 *Diosdado* Macapagal, upon the advice of historians and the urging
12 of nationalists, signed the Republic Act No. 4166 into law on
13 August 4, 1964, designating the country's Independence Day as
14 June 12. June 12 had previously been observed as Flag Day and
15 on that day many government buildings had been urged to display
16 the Philippine flag in their offices; and

17 WHEREAS, As the years went on, ~~Filipino-Americans~~ *Filipino*
18 *Americans* became very involved in the community and made
19 numerous contributions in all aspects of American society and
20 culture, especially in California; and

21 WHEREAS, ~~Filipino-Americans~~ *Filipino Americans* have also
22 played a major role in California politics. There have been city
23 mayors and other public officials who have shaped the development
24 of California over the years who have been of Filipino descent;
25 including, "~~Tita~~" *Tita* Alice Bulos, also known as the ~~Grandmother~~
26 *Godmother* of ~~Filipino-American~~ *Filipino American* politics, our
27 very own Chief Justice of California Tani Cantil-Sakauye, Mona
28 Pasquil, former acting Lieutenant Governor of California, the
29 Mayor of ~~Milpitas~~ *Milpitas* Jose Esteves, Union City Council
30 Members Jim Navarro and Pat Gacoscos, Daly City Vice Mayor
31 Ray ~~Bueneventura~~ *Buenarentura*, Daly City Council Member Mike
32 Guingona, and Alameda Vice Mayor Rob Bonta; and

33 WHEREAS, Many people of Filipino descent have contributed
34 to great movements that have helped to shape our country and its
35 role in the world, including the late Larry Dulay Itliong, labor
36 organizer and the first vice president of the United Farm Workers
37 Union; and the late, Philip ~~Veraeruz~~ *VeraCruz*, cofounder of the
38 United Farm Workers Union; and

39 WHEREAS, Many ~~Filipino-Americans~~ *Filipino Americans* have
40 served with distinction as outstanding soldiers who fought as

1 members of the United States Armed Forces for over a century
2 and have sacrificed their lives in many wars, including World War
3 II; and

4 WHEREAS, Today there are 3.4 million people of
5 ~~Filipino-American~~ *Filipino Americans* descent, many of whom
6 have played vital roles in the development of the United States
7 and have paved the way for many ~~Filipino-Americans~~ *Filipino*
8 *Americans* to continue to strengthen their roles in the broader
9 society; and to contribute to American and California politics,
10 economy, and culture; now, therefore, be it

11 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
12 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature, in honor of the multitude
13 of contributions that ~~Filipino-Americans~~ *Filipino Americans* have
14 made to make this a better country and state for all people,
15 recognizes June 12, 2012, as the 114th Anniversary of Philippine
16 Independence and calls upon the people of the state to observe the
17 month of June with appropriate ceremonies, programs, and
18 activities; and be it further

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