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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 96

Introduced by Senator Corbett

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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
2 community will celebrate the 114th Anniversary of Philippine
3 Independence, and on this occasion it is appropriate to make special
4 recognition of California's Filipino Americans citizens and thank
5 them for their countless contributions to our nation's cultural,
6 economic, and political heritage; and

7 WHEREAS, The Philippine Declaration of Independence took
8 place on June 12, 1898, in the town of Cavite el Viejo (now known
9 as Kawit) in the province of Cavite in the Philippines when Filipino
10 revolutionary forces under the leadership of General Emilio
11 Aguinaldo publicly read the Act of Declaration of Independence
12 proclaiming the sovereignty and independence of the Philippine
13 Islands from the colonial rule of Spain, after United States and
14 Filipino revolutionary forces defeated Spain at the Battle of Manila
15 Bay during the Spanish-American War; and

16 WHEREAS, The declaration was not recognized by the United
17 States or Spain. Spain later ceded the Philippines to the United
18 States in the 1898 Treaty of Paris that ended the Spanish-American
19 War. The United States government did not recognize Philippine
20 Independence until the signing of the Treaty of Manila on July 4,
21 1946; and

22 WHEREAS, For nearly two decades, July 4 was observed in
23 the Philippines as Independence Day until President Diosdado
24 Macapagal, upon the advice of historians and the urging of
25 nationalists, signed the Republic Act No. 4166 into law on August
26 4, 1964, designating the country's Independence Day as June 12.
27 June 12 had previously been observed as Flag Day and on that day
28 many government buildings had been urged to display the
29 Philippine flag in their offices; and

30 WHEREAS, As the years went on, Filipino Americans became
31 very involved in the community and made numerous contributions
32 in all aspects of American society and culture, especially in
33 California; and

34 WHEREAS, Filipino Americans have also played a major role
35 in California politics. There have been city mayors and other public
36 officials who have shaped the development of California over the
37 years who have been of Filipino descent; including, Tita Alice
38 Bulos, also known as the Godmother of Filipino American politics,
39 our very own Chief Justice of California Tani Cantil-Sakauye,
40 Mona Pasquil, former acting Lieutenant Governor of California,

1 the Mayor of Milpitas Jose Esteves, Union City Council Members
2 Jim Navarro and Pat Gacoscos, Daly City Vice Mayor Ray
3 Buenarentura, Daly City Council Member Mike Guingona, and
4 Alameda Vice Mayor Rob Bonta; and

5 WHEREAS, Many people of Filipino descent have contributed
6 to great movements that have helped to shape our country and its
7 role in the world, including the late Larry Dulay Itliong, labor
8 organizer and the first vice president of the United Farm Workers
9 Union; and the late, Philip VeraCruz, cofounder of the United
10 Farm Workers Union; and

11 WHEREAS, Many Filipino Americans have served with
12 distinction as outstanding soldiers who fought as members of the
13 United States Armed Forces for over a century and have sacrificed
14 their lives in many wars, including World War II; and

15 WHEREAS, Today there are 3.4 million people of Filipino
16 Americans descent, many of whom have played vital roles in the
17 development of the United States and have paved the way for many
18 Filipino Americans to continue to strengthen their roles in the
19 broader society, and to contribute to American and California
20 politics, economy, and culture; now, therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
22 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature, in honor of the multitude
23 of contributions that Filipino Americans have made to make this
24 a better country and state for all people, recognizes June 12, 2012,
25 as the 114th Anniversary of Philippine Independence and calls
26 upon the people of the state to observe the month of June with
27 appropriate ceremonies, programs, and activities; and be it further

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