

AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 9, 2014

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 78

Introduced by Senator Corbett

February 3, 2014

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 78—Relative to Philippine Independence Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 78, as amended, Corbett. Philippine Independence Day.

This measure would recognize June 12, 2014, as the 116th 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, 2014, the Filipino American
2 community will celebrate the 116th Anniversary of Philippine
3 Independence, and on this occasion it is appropriate to make special
4 recognition of California's Filipino American 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 *El*
9 *Viejo*, now known as ~~Kawit~~) *Kawit*, located in the Philippine
10 province of ~~Cavite in the Philippines~~ *Cavite*, when Filipino
11 revolutionary ~~forces~~ *forces*, under the leadership of General Emilio
12 ~~Aguinaldo~~ *Aguinaldo*, publicly read the Act of Declaration of
13 Independence proclaiming the sovereignty and independence of
14 the Philippine Islands from the colonial rule of Spain, after ~~United~~

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

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, Filipino Americans have also played a major role
23 in California politics. There have been city mayors and other public
24 officials *of Filipino descent* who have shaped the development of
25 California over the ~~years who have been of Filipino descent;~~
26 ~~including;~~ *years, including:* Tita Alice Bulos, also known as the
27 ~~Godmother~~ *“Grandmother of Filipino American politics, politics”;*
28 our very own Chief Justice of California Tani ~~Cantil-Sakauye,~~
29 *Cantil-Sakauye;* Mona Pasquil, former acting Lieutenant Governor
30 of ~~California, the Mayor~~ *California; former City of Milpitas Mayor*
31 *Henry Manayan, the first individual of Filipino ancestry elected*
32 *mayor in the United States; City of Milpitas Mayor Jose Esteves,*
33 *Esteves;* Union City Council Members Jim Navarro and Pat
34 ~~Gacoseos, Gacoscas;~~ *Daly City Vice Mayor Ray Council Members*
35 *Raymond A. Buenaventura, Daly City Council Member Mike*
36 ~~Guingona, and Alameda Vice Mayor and Michael P. Guingona;~~
37 *Assembly Member Rob Bonta; Acting Head of Post, Deputy Consul*
38 *General of the Philippine Consulate General in San Francisco*
39 *Jaime Ramon Ascalon; Alameda City Council Members Stewart*
40 *Go Chen and Tony Daysog; Union Sanitary District Board of*

1 *Directors Vice President Manny Fernandez; New Haven Unified*
2 *School District Board of Education President Jonas Dino and*
3 *Board Member Linda Canlas; City of Carson Mayor Pro Tempore*
4 *Elito Macapagal Santarina; Berryessa Union School District*
5 *Board of Trustees Member Thelma Boac; San José Evergreen*
6 *Community College District Board of Trustees Members Wendy*
7 *Ho and Rudy Nasol; City of Artesia Council Member Victor*
8 *Manalo; Town of Colma Council Member Joanne F. del Rosario;*
9 *City of Hercules Mayor Myrna de Vera; City of Cerritos Mayor*
10 *Mark E. Pulido; City of West Sacramento Mayor Christopher*
11 *Cabaldon; Evergreen Elementary School District Clerk Vince*
12 *Songcayawon; San Mateo County Harbor District Board of*
13 *Commissioners President Robert Bernardo; City of Vallejo Vice*
14 *Mayor Bob Sampayan and City Council Members Jesus “Jess”*
15 *Malgapo and Rozzana Verder-Aliga; City of Walnut Mayor Antonio*
16 *“Tony” Cartagena; Jefferson Elementary School District Board*
17 *of Education Member Joseph Otayde; and City of San Bruno Vice*
18 *Mayor Ken Ibarra; and*

19 WHEREAS, Many people of Filipino descent have contributed
20 to great movements that have helped to shape our country and its
21 role in the world, including the late Larry Dulay Itliong, labor
22 organizer and the first vice president of the United Farm Workers
23 ~~Union~~; *Union*, and the late Philip Vera Cruz, cofounder of the
24 United Farm Workers Union; and

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

29 WHEREAS, Today there are 3.4 million people of Filipino
30 American descent, many of whom have played vital roles in the
31 development of the United ~~States States~~, and have paved the way
32 for many Filipino Americans to continue to strengthen their roles
33 in the broader ~~society~~; *society* and to contribute to American and
34 California politics, economy, and culture; now, therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
36 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature, in honor of the multitude
37 of contributions that Filipino Americans have made to make this
38 a better country and state for all people, recognizes June 12, 2014,
39 as the 116th Anniversary of Philippine Independence and calls

1 upon the people of the state to observe the month of June with
2 appropriate ceremonies, programs, and activities; and be it further
3 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
4 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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