

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 85

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 9

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 85—Relative to the 100th anniversary of Philippine Independence.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 85, Wildman. 100th anniversary of Philippine Independence.

This measure would extend special congratulations to Filipino-American communities throughout California upon the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Philippine Independence from Spain and convey to these communities best wishes for continued success in the coming years.

WHEREAS, Nineteen ninety-eight marks the 100th year of independence from Spanish rule by the Republic of the Philippines, and in recognition thereof, many Filipino communities in California and throughout the world will celebrate this historic event with appropriate festivities; and

WHEREAS, The Philippines' fight for independence from Spain parallels our nation's revolutionary goals of local government control and self-determination; and

WHEREAS, The significant events of Philippine history include the culmination of four centuries of struggle for nationhood, the outbreak of the Philippine Revolution in 1896, the declaration of Philippine Independence on June 12, 1898, and the ratification of a Philippine constitution by the 1898 Malolos Congress in January of 1899, and these events mark the Philippines as having the first constitutional democracy in Asia; and

WHEREAS, The centennial anniversary serves to inspire every individual of Filipino ancestry to have an enlightened awareness of the history of the Philippines and appreciation of the true Filipino identity; and

WHEREAS, Individuals of Filipino ancestry have been a vital part of our nation's history for 235 years, and today they are traditionally located in the Far West with large population concentrations in the rural and urban areas of the western states, including California; and

WHEREAS, Filipino-Americans have distinguished themselves in virtually every major area of endeavor including, but not limited to, finance and business, medicine and health services, education, sports, agriculture, government, labor, arts and media, law, and the military; and

WHEREAS, The famed Philippine Scouts, the Philippine Armed Forces Unit, and United States military forces gallantly fought together, side by side, during World War II in defense of the Philippines against the invading Japanese Imperial Forces, an army of overwhelming strength; and

WHEREAS, Filipino-Americans constitute the largest ethnic group among Asian/Pacific Islander Americans, and the centennial celebration of Philippine Independence from Spanish rule reminds the people of this state of the historical and cultural benefits that Californians have received and will continue to receive from the Filipino-American community; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby extends special congratulations to Filipino-American communities throughout California upon the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Philippine Independence from Spain, and conveys to these communities best wishes for continued success in the coming years; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit a copy of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

