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Commemorating 100 years of relations between the people of the United States and the people of the Philippines.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. HELMS, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LUGAR, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ROTH, Mr. COVERDELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FORD, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DODD, Mr. GLENN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. REID, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. WARNER, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. KERRY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

JUNE 12, 1998

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commemorating 100 years of relations between the people of the United States and the people of the Philippines.

Whereas 1998 marks 100 years of special ties between the people of the United States and the people of the Philippines and is also the centennial celebration of Philippine independence from Spain which initiated relations with the United States;

Whereas the people of the Philippines have on many occasions demonstrated their strong commitment to democratic principles and practices, the free exchange of views

on matters of public concern, and the development of a strong civil society;

Whereas the Philippines has embraced economic reform and free market principles and, despite current challenging circumstances, its economy has registered significant economic growth in recent years benefiting the lives of the people of the Philippines;

Whereas the large Philippine-American community has immeasurably enriched the fabric of American society and culture;

Whereas Filipino soldiers fought shoulder to shoulder with American troops on the battlefields of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam;

Whereas the Philippines is an increasingly important trading partner of the United States as well as the recipient of significant direct American investment;

Whereas the United States relies on the Philippines as a partner and treaty ally in fostering regional stability, enhancing prosperity, and promoting peace and democracy; and

Whereas the 100th anniversary of relations between the people of the United States and the people of the Philippines offers an opportunity for the United States and the Philippines to renew their commitment to international cooperation on issues of mutual interest and concern: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the Philippines on the com-
3 memoration of its independence from Spain;

1 (2) looks forward to a broadening and deepen-
2 ing of friendship and cooperation with the Phil-
3 ippines in the years ahead for the mutual benefit of
4 the people of the United States and the people of the
5 Philippines;

6 (3) supports the efforts of the Philippines to
7 further strengthen democracy, human rights, the
8 rule of law, and the expansion of free market eco-
9 nomics both at home and abroad; and

10 (4) recognizes the close relationship between the
11 nations and the people of the United States and the
12 people of the Philippines and pledges its support to
13 work closely with the Philippines in addressing new
14 challenges as we begin our second century of friend-
15 ship and cooperation.

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