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H. RES. 155

Recognizing Filipino American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Filipino Americans and their immense contributions to the Nation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2009

Mr. FILNER (for himself, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. HONDA, Mr. ISSA, and Mr. SCOTT of Virginia) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the first Filipinos to set foot in North America arrived in the Morro Bay area, of what is now known as San Luis Obispo, California, on board the Manila-built galleon ship Nuestra Senora de Esperanza under the command of Spanish Captain Pedro de Unamuno;

Whereas the first permanent Filipino settlement in North America was established in 1763 in Saint Malo, Louisiana;

Whereas Filipino Americans have been a part of the American experience and have remained resolute and steadfast in the face of many difficult times and challenges;

Whereas 2,900,000 Americans of Philippine ancestry currently live in the United States and more than 250,000 American citizens live in the Philippines;

Whereas Filipino Americans have made substantial contributions to American society in the arts, sciences, music, and literature;

Whereas brave and courageous Filipinos and Filipino Americans such as the 250,000 Filipinos fought under the United States flag during World War II to protect and defend this country;

Whereas the values and traditions of Filipino Americans have had a positive impact upon American society; and

Whereas it is essential to promote the understanding, education, and appreciation of the history and culture of Filipino Americans in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the celebration of Filipino Amer-
3 ican Heritage Month;

4 (2) honors the heritage and culture of Filipino
5 Americans and their immense contributions to the
6 life of this Nation; and

- 1 (3) urges the people of the United States to ob-
- 2 serve Filipino American Heritage Month with appro-
- 3 priate programs and activities.

