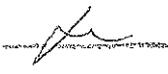


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Introduced by Senator Francis N. Pangilinan

**RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL FILIPINO
MIGRATION TO HAWAII**

WHEREAS, the year 2006 marks the celebration of the centennial Filipino migration to Hawaii;

WHEREAS, the arrival of Filipinos in the United States began on December 20, 1906, when a group of 15 "sakadas" or plantation workers arrived in Hawaii to work in sugarcane fields;

WHEREAS, the entry of Filipinos to Hawaii was the onset of Filipino migration to different parts of the United States and to date, about 60,000 new Filipino immigrants enter the United States annually, making Filipinos the largest immigrant group from the Asia-Pacific region;

WHEREAS, today an estimated 2.3 million overseas Filipinos have settled in the United States as permanent residents and account for more than seventy percent of the nearly 3.2 million total number of Filipino residents abroad;

WHEREAS, the increasing number of Filipino immigrants to the United States is an indicator of Filipino strength and visibility in America and that Filipino Americans have been recognized as competent, skillful and diligent people;

WHEREAS, Filipino-Americans who have established themselves and lived among the mainstream communities in Hawaii have contributed to the development and progress of their adoptive county specifically in the field of business, labor, academe, medicine, government, media and the arts, deserve recognition for their successes and achievements;

WHEREAS, Filipino-Americans, as well as other overseas Filipinos, have tremendously helped the Philippine economy remain resilient and stable with their remittances and investments in the country;

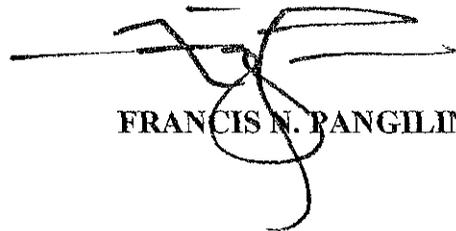
WHEREAS, Filipino-Americans who continue to value family ties with the Philippines and keep their heritage alive, have helped develop and rebuild marginalized communities in the Philippines through outreach programs such as scholarships, medical missions, construction of school buildings, drinking water systems, livelihood projects and nutrition programs;

WHEREAS, the appreciation and understanding of the culture and heritage of the Philippines should be passed on, promoted and strengthened not only among Filipino-Americans but also to their descendants;

WHEREAS, the centennial of Filipino migration to Hawaii is a celebration of the ardent friendship established by Filipino-Americans with the people of Hawaii and made strong by the continuous display of hospitality, sincerity and honesty, which are inherent in the Filipino;

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate of the Philippines joins the Filipino-Americans in Hawaii, as well as in other parts of the United States, in the celebration of their centennial migration to their adoptive country, and lauds them for ceaselessly serving as agents of international diplomacy between the Philippines and United States.

ADOPTED,



FRANCIS N. PANGILINAN