

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 66

Senator MacDonald, Alexander, Ananich, Brinks, Bullock, Hollier, Johnson, Lucido, McCann, McMorrow, Santana, VanderWall and Wojno offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to commemorate July 20, 2019, as Filipino-
2 American Friendship Day.

3 Whereas, July 2019 marks the 73rd anniversary of the Treaty of
4 Manila which granted Philippine independence from the United States
5 in 1946; and

6 Whereas, During World War II, the Empire of Japan occupied the
7 islands until a United States campaign led by General Douglas
8 MacArthur and Philippine Vice President Sergio Osmeña successfully
9 regained control of the country. Finally, in 1946, the Philippines
10 became an independent nation; and

1 Whereas, One of the earliest examples of the shared history of
2 these two nations involves Filipinos, living in New Orleans, who
3 joined the war effort against the British during the War of 1812;
4 and

5 Whereas, Since that time, Filipino-Americans have contributed
6 greatly to the United States with great accomplishments in the
7 fields of education, entrepreneurship, medicine, arts, culinary,
8 sports, government, business, and more; and

9 Whereas, According to the last census in 2010, there were 3.4
10 million Americans of Filipino descent. An estimated 1.08 percent of
11 the residents of Sterling Heights, Michigan are Filipino-Americans,
12 more than any other Michigan city; and

13 Whereas, All Americans can be proud of the historic friendship
14 between the Philippines and the United States; and

15 Whereas, It is important that we teach our children and future
16 generations important lessons learned through this long lasting
17 relationship and the benefits to be gained from cooperation with
18 all cultures; now, therefore, be it

19 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
20 body commemorate July 20, 2019, as Filipino-American Friendship
21 Day; and be it further

22 Resolved, That we recognize this as a special time for
23 Michiganians to celebrate the valuable contributions and
24 longstanding relationship between the Philippines and the United
25 States and express our desire for continued friendship.