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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING MAYOR MARIA CRISTINA C. ANGELES AND THE TARLAC CITY GOVERNMENT DELEGATION ON THEIR GOODWILL VISIT TO HAWAII AND THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF HAWAII PHILIPPINE CONSUL GENERAL DR. GINA ALAGON JAMORALIN FOR ENHANCING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE STATE OF HAWAII AND PROMOTING THE CULTURE, HISTORY, HERITAGE, AND SIGNIFICANT IMPACT OF FILIPINO PEOPLE IN HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, the United States of America and the Republic of  
2 the Philippines will benefit tremendously from the promotion of  
3 international friendship and understanding and the  
4 accomplishment of lasting peace and prosperity; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has a particular interest in  
7 promoting ties, friendship, and goodwill with the Philippines  
8 because there are a large number of persons of Filipino descent  
9 who reside in the State of Hawaii, contribute significantly to  
10 the prosperity and development of the State, and desire to  
11 maintain close cultural, commercial, and financial bonds with  
12 their relatives, friends, and business counterparts living in  
13 the Philippines; and  
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15           WHEREAS, furthermore, the Legislature of the State of  
16 Hawaii has passed laws on matters of interest to the Philippines  
17 such as land use, conservation of environmental and natural  
18 resources, alternative and renewable energy sources, water and  
19 sewerage management, juvenile justice, education, public health,  
20 mass transportation, housing, and tourism; and  
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22           WHEREAS, in 2012, the State of Hawaii signed a Memorandum  
23 of Understanding and Cooperation with the League of Cities of  
24 the Philippines, a non-profit corporation created by the Eighth  
25 Congress of the Republic of the Philippines to seek  
26 opportunities for cooperation in the fields of economics, trade,



1 culture, education, health, tourism, and environmental  
2 protection to benefit economic and social development of cities  
3 in the Philippines; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii and the League of Cities of  
6 the Philippines share common goals of fostering strong and  
7 effective local governments, developing good relations, and  
8 sharing knowledge and capacities amongst city and local  
9 governments of different countries; and  
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11 WHEREAS, Tarlac City serves as the capital city of the  
12 Province of Tarlac in the Central Luzon region in the  
13 Philippines and is a member of the League of Cities of the  
14 Philippines; and  
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16 WHEREAS, formally founded in 1788, Tarlac City is the most  
17 multicultural city in the region and is best known for its fine  
18 foods and vast sugar and rice plantations, beautifully  
19 landscaped golf courses, museums, festivals, and ancient  
20 architectural buildings; it is home to the world-renowned San  
21 Sebastian Cathedral making the city one of the most desired  
22 tourist destinations; and  
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24 WHEREAS, in 2016, Maria Cristina C. Angeles was elected the  
25 first female mayor in the history of the city, and is committed  
26 to promoting the ideals and goals of the Memorandum of  
27 Understanding and Cooperation that strengthen the political,  
28 social, and economic relations between the State of Hawaii and  
29 Tarlac City; and  
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31 WHEREAS, a delegation consisting of the Mayor of the City  
32 of Tarlac, Council Members, and other government officials are  
33 traveling on a goodwill mission to Hawaii from January 21-26,  
34 2018, to participate in a working tour and a forum for the  
35 exchange of ideas in the areas of tourism, disaster  
36 preparedness, and other issues with Hawaii state and city  
37 government officials, business and industry, and the Filipino  
38 community of Hawaii; and  
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40 WHEREAS, while in Hawaii, the delegation will also visit  
41 cultural and historic sites such as Pearl Harbor, the Polynesian



1 Cultural Center, the Arizona Memorial, the National Memorial  
2 Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, and experience the natural  
3 beauty and hospitality of our island state and people; and  
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5 WHEREAS, Dr. Gina A. Jamoralin is a native of Aklan,  
6 Philippines, and attended the University of the Philippines in  
7 Manila where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Economics (1979-  
8 1983) and Master Public Administration (1984-1986); she also  
9 earned her Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Santo  
10 Tomas, Manila (2006), and her Master of Business Administration  
11 from McGill University, Tokyo (2009-2011), and completed her  
12 postgraduate diploma in international relations from the  
13 Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands (January  
14 - May 1995); and  
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16 WHEREAS, prior to her post in Honolulu, Dr. Gina A.  
17 Jamoralin served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the Philippine  
18 Embassy in Tokyo, Japan, from 2006-2012, and Secretary and  
19 Consul at the Philippine Embassy in Bucharest, Romania, from  
20 1995-2003; and  
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22 WHEREAS, Dr. Gina A. Jamoralin was appointed to the  
23 diplomatic post in Honolulu as Hawaii Philippine Consul General  
24 in July 2014 and has played a significant role in enhancing  
25 relations between the State of Hawaii and the Republic of the  
26 Philippines and promoting the culture, history, heritage, and  
27 significant impact of Filipino people in Hawaii; and  
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29 WHEREAS, in 2015, Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin was  
30 integral in the passage of Act 7, which designated December 20  
31 of each year as Sakada Day in Hawaii to commemorate the memory  
32 and sacrifices of the first Filipino sakadas in Hawaii and to  
33 recognize their contributions and role in Hawaii's cultural  
34 history and diversity; and  
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36 WHEREAS, the Philippine Consulate General of Honolulu,  
37 under the leadership of Chief of Mission, Consul General Gina A.  
38 Jamoralin, will host an aloha welcome dinner to honor and  
39 recognize the TARLAC CITY GOVERNMENT DELEGATION on Tuesday,  
40 January 23, 2018; now, therefore,



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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 2 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 3 of 2018, that this body hereby recognizes and honors Mayor Maria  
 4 Cristina C. Angeles and the TARLAC CITY GOVERNMENT DELEGATION  
 5 and Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin for their work and  
 6 commitment to promoting international friendship and  
 7 understanding between the people of the Philippines and the  
 8 State of Hawaii, and extends its warmest aloha and best wishes  
 9 for continued success in all future endeavors.

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