

MAR 12 2021

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PHILIPPINES.

1 WHEREAS, the Filipino-American community is among the
2 largest Asian American and Pacific Islander groups in the United
3 States of America; and

4
5 WHEREAS, Filipino Americans have helped shape the history
6 of the State and have contributed to the development of Hawaii
7 from the arrival of the first fifteen Filipino plantation
8 workers on December 20, 1906, up to the present; and

9
10 WHEREAS, individuals of Filipino ethnicity in Hawaii make
11 up the largest part of the State's population; and

12
13 WHEREAS, Filipinos have a long-standing history of serving
14 in the Armed Forces of the United States, with many having
15 received the Congressional Medal of Honor, and continue to
16 demonstrate a sense of patriotism and honor in the Armed Forces;
17 and

18
19 WHEREAS, strong ties of friendship and cooperation link the
20 peoples of Hawaii and the Philippines, demonstrated through the
21 existence of economic and people-to-people exchanges as well as
22 a large number of sister city relationships between the cities
23 and counties of Hawaii and cities and municipalities of the
24 Philippines; and

25
26 WHEREAS, the United States of America and the Republic of
27 the Philippines established diplomatic relations on July 4,
28 1946; now, therefore,

29
30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the
32 House of Representatives concurring, that this body recognizes
33 the seventy-fifth anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic



S.C.R. NO. 220

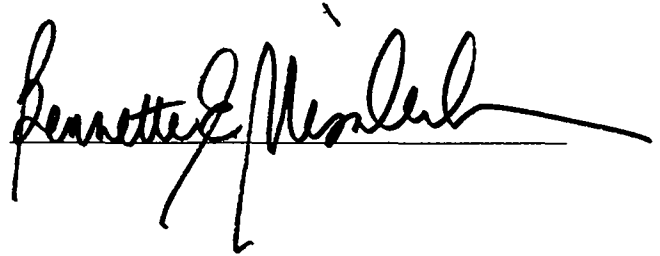
1 relations between the United States and the Philippines on
2 July 4, 2021; and
3

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body is committed to
5 exploring opportunities for mutually beneficial cooperation
6 between the people of Hawaii and the Philippines; and
7

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the Philippine
9 Consulate General in Honolulu to continue to promote Filipino-
10 American culture and traditions in keeping with the long history
11 shared between Hawaii and the Philippines; and
12

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and
15 Philippine Consulate General in Honolulu.
16
17
18

OFFERED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bennett J. Mendenhall", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.