

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 350

Reps. Shannon, Breen, Haadsma, Hope, Kuppa, Manoogian, Rabhi, Stone and Weiss offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare October 2022 as Filipino American
2 History Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Michigan is home to more than 32,000 individuals
4 claiming Filipino heritage, who have had a profound and positive
5 impact on this state; and

6 Whereas, October was the month selected by the Filipino
7 American Historical Society (FANHS) because it was October 1587 in
8 Morro Bay, California, that the first known Filipinos arrived in
9 America; and

10 Whereas, Since immigrants from the Philippines first
11 established their roots in Michigan, they have become leaders in

1 every aspect of our communities, enriching our schools, businesses,
2 civic life, and social organizations across the state; and

3 Whereas, Filipino Americans have contributed greatly to music,
4 dance, literature, journalism, sports, fashion, politics,
5 government, science, technology, the fine arts, and other fields in
6 the U.S. that enrich the landscape of this country; and

7 Whereas, These contributions reflect a culture which values
8 and prioritizes family and community, which takes pride in hard
9 work and diligence, and which celebrates its collective identity;
10 and

11 Whereas, It is imperative for Filipino-American youth to have
12 positive role models to instill in them the significance of
13 education, complemented with the richness of their ethnicity and
14 the value of their legacy; and

15 Whereas, Filipino Americans have also improved our state
16 through their commitment to fostering institutions that have helped
17 to eliminate prejudices and stereotypes and establish the kind of
18 cross-cultural dialogue and understanding that makes our state a
19 diverse and welcoming place for all; and

20 Whereas, Thanks in no small part to the efforts of Michigan's
21 Filipino Americans, the United States continues to strengthen its
22 relationship with the Filipino American community and to continue
23 to promote the culture, values, history and traditions of the
24 Philippines; now, therefore, be it

25 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
26 this legislative body declare October 2022 as Filipino American
27 History Month in the state of Michigan; and be it further

28 Resolved, That with the declaration of Filipino American
29 History Month, we acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of

- 1 Filipino Americans, who have greatly enriched Michigan's economy,
- 2 civic life, and state culture.