Resolution urging the President and Congress of the United States to recognize and restore U.S. Veterans status, with equal and full military benefits and compensations under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to Filipino World War II Veterans.

WHEREAS, In the battlefields Filipino soldiers had proven their courage, valor and heroism in defense of democracy and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Filipino soldiers sacrificed much defending the United States against the Japanese Imperial Army, fighting side by side with American soldiers during World War II under the American Flag and under the decision and control of the United States military leaders; and

WHEREAS, Filipinos are the only national group denied of full U.S. veterans status, while the 116,000 foreign soldiers from 66 other U.S. allied countries, who were similarly inducted to the service of the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II were granted full U.S. Veterans status and full benefits; and

WHEREAS, There are approximately 400,000 Filipino soldiers who fought during World War II recognized by the U.S. government; and

WHEREAS, For the past sixty years, the United States government has failed to restore the rights, privileges and benefits guaranteed, then taken away from Filipino World War II Veterans; and

WHEREAS, The loyalty, gallantry, and sacrifices of the Filipino World War II Veterans, who fought for democracy and freedom in the Armed Forces of the United States deserve this long overdue recognition, and their honor and dignity restored soon; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco recognize the heroism and loyalty of the Filipino World War II veterans; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urge the U.S. Government and the public officials and leaders whom we trust to honor the economic, financial, moral obligations, to restore these Filipino World War II Veterans full U.S. Veterans status.

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Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on July 9, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.