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[Filipino World War II veterans.]

Resolution urging State Legislators to support Filipino World War II veterans by passing legislation to recognize Filipino combatants as American veterans.

WHEREAS, Filipino veterans, many of whom live in California and are now United States citizens, say that President Delano Roosevelt pledged to give them citizenship and full benefits for fighting alongside American troops during World War II; and,

WHEREAS, President Roosevelt's promise was made in 1941 when the Philippines was a United States colony; and,

WHEREAS, Nearly 200,000 Filipinos were drafted to fight under General Douglas MacArthur; and,

WHEREAS, In 1946, a year after the Japanese surrender, Congress passed the Recision Act reneging on the pledge; and,

WHEREAS, In 1990, Congress granted the veterans citizenship rights, but they have continued to battle for veterans' benefits; and,

WHEREAS, The Filipino veterans are still awaiting legislation that would overturn the Recision Act and restore their classification as American soldiers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges State Legislators to support Filipino World War II veterans by passing legislation to recognize Filipino combatants as American veterans.



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March 9, 2004 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED


Ayes: 8 - Alioto-Pier, Daly, Gonzalez, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin,
Sandoval
Absent: 1 - Hall
Excused: 2 - Ammiano, Dufty

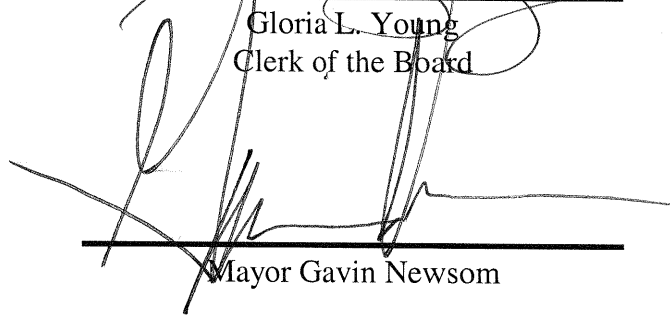
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 9, 2004 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board


Mayor Gavin Newsom