

1 [Resolution for Filipino Veterans who served under the U.S. Armed Forces in World War II.]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urge the U.S. Government and
4 the public officials and leaders whom we trust to honor the economic, financial, moral
5 obligations, to restore these Filipino World War II Veterans full U.S. Veterans status.
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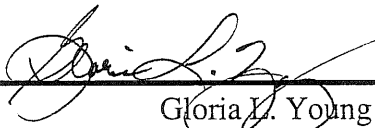
July 9, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

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

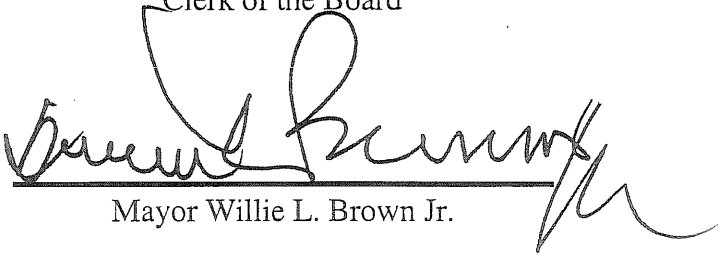
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on July 9, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.