

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 151

Reps. Shannon, Mentzer and Hood offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare October 2023 as Filipino American
2 History Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Michigan is home to more than 40,000 individuals
4 claiming Filipino heritage who have made significant contributions
5 to the social, economic, and cultural fabric of our great state;
6 and

7 Whereas, October is recognized as Filipino American History
8 Month because it was October 1587 in Morro Bay, California, that
9 the first known Filipinos arrived in America; and

10 Whereas, Since Filipino immigrants first established their
11 roots in Michigan, they have emerged as influential figures in

1 every aspect of our communities, enriching our educational
2 institutions, businesses, civic life, and social groups throughout
3 the state; and

4 Whereas, Filipino Americans in Michigan have enriched our
5 state's cultural landscape through their art, music, and cuisine,
6 sharing their traditions, celebrations, and heritage, thereby
7 promoting a deeper appreciation for the diversity that Michigan
8 proudly represents; and

9 Whereas, Filipino Americans have been an integral part of
10 Michigan's history for many decades, with a strong presence in
11 various fields, including healthcare, education, business, the
12 arts, and community leadership; and

13 Whereas, These contributions reflect a culture which values
14 and prioritizes family and community, which takes pride in hard
15 work and diligence, and which celebrates its collective identity;
16 and

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

22 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
23 this legislative body declare October 2023 as Filipino American
24 History Month in the state of Michigan; and be it further

25 Resolved, That with the declaration of Filipino American
26 History Month, we express our profound appreciation and celebrate
27 the invaluable contributions of Filipino Americans, who have
28 significantly enhanced Michigan's economy, civic engagement, and
29 cultural heritage.