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INTRODUCED BY Senator Yee
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Relative to Filipino American History Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 48, Yee. Filipino American History Month.

This measure would designate the month of October 2009, and every October thereafter, as Filipino American History Month.

WHEREAS, The earliest documented proof of Filipino presence in the continental United States was the date of October 18, 1587, when the first "Luzones Indios" set foot in Morro Bay, California, as published by Lorraine Crouchett in her book, *Filipinos in California* (1982), which annotated John Walton Caughey's book, *California* (1953); and

WHEREAS, The Filipino American National Historical Society recognizes the year of 1763 as the date of the first permanent Filipino settlement in the United States in St. Malo Parrish, Louisiana, which set in motion the focus on the story of our nation's past from a new perspective by concentrating on the economic, cultural, social, and other notable contributions that Filipino Americans have made in countless ways toward the development of the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Efforts must continue to promote the study of Filipino American history and culture, as mandated in the mission statement of the Filipino American National Historical Society, because the roles of Filipino Americans and other people of color have been overlooked in the writing, teaching, and learning of United States history; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative for Filipino American youth to have positive role models to instill in them the importance of education, complemented with the richness of their ethnicity and the value of their legacy; and

WHEREAS, California is home to over half of the Filipino population in the United States and the location of historic Filipino communities such as in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Stockton, Vallejo, Delano, San Diego, and Salinas among others; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes October 2009, the 422nd anniversary of the presence of Filipinos in California, as a significant time to study the advancement of Filipino Americans in the history of California and the United States, as a favorable time of celebration, remembrance, reflection, and motivation, and as a relevant time to renew more efforts toward research, examination, and promulgation of Filipino American history and culture in order to provide an opportunity for all Californians to learn and appreciate more about Filipino Americans and their historic contributions to California and the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature designates October 2009, and every October thereafter, as Filipino American History Month; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.