

# HOUSE BILL No. 5041

October 5, 2011, Introduced by Reps. Liss, Switalski, Rogers, Denby, Knollenberg, Lipton, Barnett, Tlaib, Bledsoe, Crawford, Moss, Lane and Constan and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to designate the month of October of each year as Filipino American Heritage Month in the state of Michigan.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1. (1) The legislature recognizes the contributions that  
2 the Philippine American community of Michigan has made throughout  
3 the entire state. This recognition is a reflection of unselfishness  
4 and commitment to the common good that is most commendable. The  
5 members of the Philippine American community give to the citizens  
6 of this state a very important gift, a rich culture based on  
7 traditional values of family, religion, and a strong work ethic.  
8 The Philippine American community in Michigan is committed to  
9 strengthening the public institutions that promote the cultural  
10 heritage of Filipinos, as well as eliminating prejudices,

1 stereotypes, and ignorance. By promoting awareness of Filipino  
2 American contributions to social, economic, cultural, and political  
3 life in the United States, everyone can take great pride in their  
4 effective community service. The heritage of the Philippine people  
5 enriches our own culture, and the legislature welcomes the  
6 heritage, culture, and contributions of the Philippine American  
7 community to our state and our nation. The Philippine American  
8 community of Michigan will continue to accomplish its goal to  
9 foster understanding through the development, promotion, and  
10 preservation of Philippine values, culture, and tradition. These  
11 concerned citizens have truly made a difference, and their  
12 professional and civic involvement will continue to enrich our  
13 state far into the twenty-first century.

14 (2) In recognition of the contributions that the Philippine  
15 American community of Michigan has made, the legislature declares  
16 that the month of October of each year shall be known as "Filipino  
17 American Heritage Month".