

Senator Hopgood offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 77.

A resolution to recognize October 2011 as Filipino American Heritage Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, We are proud to join with the Philippine American community of Michigan as they celebrate contributions they have made throughout the entire state. This recognition is a reflection of unselfishness and commitment to the common good that is most commendable; and

Whereas, It is with pride and gratitude that we welcome this opportunity to salute the many ways in which the Philippine American community has given its time and energy for the betterment of our state; and

Whereas, The Philippine American community of Michigan continues to foster understanding through the development, promotion, and preservation of Philippine values, culture, and tradition. These concerned citizens have truly made a difference, and their professional and civic involvement will continue to enrich our state; and

Whereas, The members of the Philippine American community give to the American people and to the citizens of Michigan a very important gift; a rich culture based on traditional values of family, religion, and a strong work ethic. A strong political, cultural, and economic bond exists between us as a result and is cemented by the mutual respect and admiration we have for one another; and

Whereas, The heritage of the Philippine people enriches our own culture, for America is a melting pot, and America's culture is a rich blend of many cultures. This legislative body welcomes the heritage, culture, and contributions of the Philippine American community to our state and our nation; and

Whereas, Like their counterparts across the country, the Philippine American community in Michigan is committed to strengthening the public institutions that promote the cultural heritage of Filipinos, as well as eliminating prejudices, stereotypes, and ignorance. By promoting awareness of Philippine American contributions to social, economic, cultural, and political life in the United States, everyone can take great pride in their effective community service; now, therefore, be it;

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize October 2011 as Filipino American Heritage Month in the state of Michigan. We thank the Philippine American community for their many contributions that enhance our quality of life in Michigan, and we encourage all citizens to do the same.