

Date of Hearing: August 28, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 65 (Caloza) – As Introduced August 27, 2025

SUBJECT: Filipino American History Month.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the month of October 2025 as Filipino American History Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Filipinos and Filipino Americans have been contributing to California and the United States for hundreds of years, ever since October 18, 1587, when the first “Luzones Indios” set foot in Morro Bay, California, on board the Nuestra Señora de Esperanza, a Manila-built galleon ship captained by Pedro de Unamuno of Spain.
- 2) In the first decades of the 20th century, thousands of Filipinos in California worked in agricultural fields throughout California, in cities and regions such as the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, the central coast, Salinas, Imperial Valley, Orange County, the Inland Empire, Delano, Bakersfield, Coachella Valley, and the San Francisco Bay area; and, became a critical element in the growth and political economy of the state, often enduring harsh labor conditions and poor wages, but persevering and creating a strong legacy of mutual support, strikes, and organization for farm labor unionization.
- 3) The Filipino American population is currently the largest Asian American and Pacific Islander group in California and the third largest Asian American and Pacific Islander group in the United States.
- 4) Throughout the history of the United States, Filipino Americans have made cultural, economic, political, social, and other contributions to our country that have resulted in the rich, diverse, and vibrant tapestry of our nation.
- 5) Protecting and supporting our Filipino communities throughout California and the United States is critical to the preservation of Filipino American culture, history, traditions, and heritage.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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