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**TO:** Mayor & City Council

**FROM:** Ron Nirenberg

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**SUBJECT:** Proclamation Honoring Filipino WWII Veterans

**DATE:** May 17, 2016

**Issue Proposed for Consideration**

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

I respectfully ask for your support in advancing a City Proclamation declaring San Antonio's recognition of the bravery, dedication and loyalty of the over 200,000 Filipino Soldiers who gallantly served with United States' armed forces during World War II.

**Brief Background**

In 1941, more than 200,000 Filipino Soldiers responded to President Roosevelt's call-to-arms and later fought under the American flag during WWII. Filipino soldiers served in the most grueling conditions during World War II in the defense of their homeland, bravely fighting in the Battles of Corregidor, Manila and Luzon, and endured the brutal hardships of the infamous Bataan Death March.

Filipino soldiers were initially assigned to the Philippine Scouts, the Philippine Commonwealth Army, new Philippine Scouts, Filipino Civilian Volunteers who served with United States Army and the Guerilla Services. Later they served in the 1st Filipino Infantry Regiment, the 2nd Filipino Infantry Battalion, and the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion.


Filipino Scouts, Civilian Volunteers and those assigned to the Guerillas Services provided intelligence, logistics and communications support to allied forces who were essential to the liberation of the Philippines. Such was their effectiveness that by the end of World War II, Japan controlled only twelve of the 48 provinces.

Many of the descendants of these brave men would not only serve in the Korean and Vietnam wars, but also in the current Middle East military conflicts. This unselfish call to military duty is a gift that service members of Filipino descent have given to the United States during times of war for over 100 years.

The Filipino Veterans Recognition & Education Project (FilVetREP) has submitted legislation to recognize these brave Veterans through the Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2015 under the S.B. 1555 and H.R. 2737 (114th Congress).




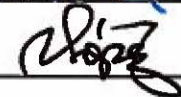
Given all these facts, I strongly ask for your support in officially proclaiming the City of San Antonio's recognition and gratitude for these brave Veterans' dedication to duty, gallantry under fire, and service to the Republic of the Philippines and the United States of America. I also ask for your support in officially proclaiming the City's endorsement of the legislation to award them the Congressional Gold Medal.

Submitted for Council consideration  
by:

  
Councilman Ron Nirenberg, District 8

Supporting Councilmembers' Signatures (4 only)

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