

**THIS IS A DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL, SIGNED
ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL.**

A RESOLUTION

HONORING FILIPINO WORLD WAR II VETERANS.

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WHEREAS, in 1941, more than 200,000 Filipino Soldiers responded to President Roosevelt's call-to-arms and later fought under the American flag during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Filipino veterans of World War II were an integral part of the U.S. Armed Forces, where they served and fought with great distinction to help defeat the Japanese and liberate the Philippines on October 20, 1944, and were assigned to the Philippine Scouts, Philippine Commonwealth Army, New Philippine Scouts, Filipino Civilian Volunteers, and later, the 1st Filipino Infantry Regiment, 2d Filipino Infantry Battalion, and 1st Reconnaissance Battalion; and

WHEREAS, Filipino soldiers served in the most grueling conditions during World War II in defense of their homeland, bravely fought in the Battles of Corregidor, Manila and Luzon, and endured the brutal hardships of the infamous Bataan Death March; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Scouts, Civilian Volunteers, and those assigned to the Guerilla Services provided intelligence, logistics and communications support to allied forces, which were essential to the liberation of the Philippines, and such was their effectiveness that by the end of World War II, Japan controlled only twelve of the forty-eight provinces in the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, 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 and 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; and

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to recognize these brave soldiers for their dedication to duty, gallantry under fire, and service to the Republic of the Philippines and the United States of America; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. City Council wishes to recognize and thank these Filipino and American Veterans for their loyalty, bravery and support during their service in World War II.

SECTION 2. City Council supports the awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal for these World War II Filipino and American Veterans under the Congressional Gold Medal Act 2015 (114th Congress).

SECTION 3. This Resolution is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of October, 2016.

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ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leticia M. Vacek
City Clerk

City Attorney

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