

HOUSE BILL No. 6138

May 5, 2010, Introduced by Reps. Liss, Tlaib, Switalski, Durhal, Kandrevas, Scripps, Young, Stanley, Bledsoe, Cushingberry, Miller, Womack, Constan, Melton, Segal, Hammel, Knollenberg, Rocca, Crawford, Denby, Lipton, Rogers and Espinoza 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".