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3 By Representatives Veloria and Anderson

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5 On page 1, beginning on line 1, after "TO" strike the remainder of
6 the memorial and insert "THE HONORABLE WARREN CHRISTOPHER, SECRETARY OF
7 STATE OF THE UNITED STATES:

8 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
9 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
10 represent and petition as follows:

11 WHEREAS, There exists a long history of warm relations between the
12 people of Washington and the Philippines, of personal friendships, and
13 family ties; and

14 WHEREAS, Washington is greatly honored that the Philippines chose
15 to open a Consulate in our state; and

16 WHEREAS, The Pacific Northwest and the Philippines are neighbors in
17 the Pacific Rim with a shared economic future; and

18 WHEREAS, The Philippine Consulate has played a critical role in
19 trade between the Philippines and Washington State; and

20 WHEREAS, The Philippines conducted over two hundred twenty-five
21 million dollars worth of waterborne trade with the Port of Seattle in
22 1991; and

23 WHEREAS, The Philippines are a major buyer of Washington wheat and
24 other agricultural products; and

25 WHEREAS, Exports from the Philippines to Washington State reached
26 almost five hundred million dollars in 1991, representing a nearly
27 three hundred million dollar trade surplus in favor of the Philippines;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, The estimated sixty-five thousand Washington State
30 residents of Philippine descent are closely linked to the Consulate and
31 raised over thirty-seven thousand dollars for the victims of the Mt.
32 Pinatubo volcanic eruption; and

33 WHEREAS, The Filipino community in Washington State is growing at
34 a rate in excess of one thousand persons per year; and

35 WHEREAS, We look forward to the months and years ahead as the
36 people of the Philippines and Washington continue to build a firm

1 foundation of business and personal ties to create a better future for
2 our children;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the United
4 States Department of State seek through diplomatic efforts to encourage
5 the Philippine government to allow its Seattle Consulate to remain
6 open, and to consider downsizing staff and office space to cut costs
7 instead of closing the Consulate.

8 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
9 transmitted to the Honorable Warren Christopher, Secretary of State of
10 the United States and to His Excellency Fidel Ramos, President of the
11 Republic of the Philippines."

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