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1 TO HIS EXCELLENCY FIDEL RAMOS, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE  
2 PHILIPPINES:

3 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of  
4 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully  
5 represent and petition as follows:

6 WHEREAS, There exists a long history of warm relations between the  
7 people of Washington and the Philippines, of personal friendships, and  
8 family ties; and

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, The Philippines conducted over two hundred twenty-five  
16 million dollars worth of waterborne trade with the Port of Seattle in  
17 1991; and

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

20 WHEREAS, Exports from the Philippines to Washington State reached  
21 almost five hundred million dollars in 1991, representing a nearly

1 three hundred million dollar trade surplus in favor of the Philippines;  
2 and

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

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

9 WHEREAS, We look forward to the months and years ahead as the  
10 people of the Philippines and Washington continue to build a firm  
11 foundation of business and personal ties to create a better future for  
12 our children;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
14 Philippine government allow its Seattle Consulate to remain open, and  
15 consider downsizing staff and office space to cut costs instead of  
16 closing the Consulate.

17 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
18 transmitted to His Excellency Fidel Ramos, President of the Republic of  
19 the Philippines.

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