

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1996-8686**

By Senators Haugen, Franklin, Rinehart, Moyer, Rasmussen, Pelz, Winsley, Long, Sheldon, McCaslin, Snyder, Smith, Oke, Wood, Prentice, Spanel, Newhouse, Schow, Owen, Kohl, Deccio, Quigley, Morton, Prince, Sellar, Hale, Heavey, Drew, McAuliffe and Johnson

WHEREAS, The state of Washington applauds the efforts and enthusiasm of those groups that promote and encourage cultural diversity for communities and youth; and

WHEREAS, The Filipino-American Association of Oak Harbor will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary on Easter Sunday, 1996; and

WHEREAS, Fil-Am of Oak Harbor helps preserve and promote the Philippines' rich cultural heritage through traditional folk dances, Christmas carols in their native dialect, and exhibits of Philippine artifacts in local multi-cultural events; and

WHEREAS, The leadership of Fil-Am works diligently to encourage and foster closer social relationships and friendship among Filipino-Americans; and

WHEREAS, Fil-Am has enhanced the educational growth of young people for the past twenty years through its scholarship fund, allowing youth to continue with their education beyond high school; and

WHEREAS, The members of Fil-Am have taken an active role in community events, including the Community Litter Pick-up, holiday baskets for the less fortunate, the Christmas in July canned-food drive, Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration, and All People's Celebration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the state of Washington recognizes, honors, and congratulates the Filipino-American Association of Oak Harbor for its continued effort over the past twenty-five years, which has greatly enhanced the understanding of the cultural diversity among the ethnic groups in their community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Filipino-American Association of Oak Harbor.

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1996-8686,
adopted by the Senate February 8, 1996.

MARTY BROWN
Secretary of the Senate