

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4676, by Representatives Chandler and Sandlin

1 WHEREAS, The National Park Service on January 3, 2024, placed the  
2 Filipino Hall of the Yakima Valley on the National Register of  
3 Historic Places, following the Washington State Department of  
4 Archaeology and Historic Preservation placement of the Hall on the  
5 Washington State Register of Historic Places in September 2023; and

6 WHEREAS, The Filipino American National Historical Society has  
7 declared that the Filipino Hall of the Yakima Valley is the first  
8 such community hall built "from the ground up" expressly for the  
9 purpose of being a Filipino Community Hall; and

10 WHEREAS, The Filipino Hall of the Yakima Valley located in Wapato  
11 continues to be a place for gathering, a place for safety, and a  
12 beacon for organizing, for families of the Yakima Valley, the State  
13 of Washington, and the Pacific Northwest; and

14 WHEREAS, Filipinos first entered the Yakima Valley in the 1910's,  
15 arriving in the United States seeking opportunities in "the land of  
16 milk and honey" and faced institutional and personal hardships; and

17 WHEREAS, The first anti-Filipino riots in the United States  
18 occurred in the Yakima Valley in 1927, and Filipinos were challenged  
19 by hostility: Anti-Alien Land and Anti-Miscegenation Laws, little  
20 immigration of Filipino women, the beginning of the Great Depression,  
21 and other obstacles; and

22 WHEREAS, The Filipino Hall of the Yakima Valley was started in  
23 1948 and had its Grand Opening on March 22, 1952; and

