

2014 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 172

Commending the Philippine Cultural Center of Virginia.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 6, 2014

WHEREAS, the Philippine Cultural Center of Virginia in Virginia Beach, the only cultural center of its kind in the Commonwealth, unites the region's large and diverse Filipino community; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, the presidents of several Filipino groups in Hampton Roads came together to form the Council of United Filipino Organizations of Tidewater; the organization's primary mission was to build a place to preserve and showcase the unique heritage and traditions of the Filipino culture; and

WHEREAS, the Council of United Filipino Organizations of Tidewater was officially incorporated in 1979; volunteers from the organization upgraded a small, brick ranch house as a meeting place for activities and private parties called the Philippine Cultural Center; and

WHEREAS, construction of the current Philippine Cultural Center began in 1999 and was completed in 2000; the center was recognized as a historical building in the Commonwealth and has been praised as one of the largest and most beautiful Filipino cultural centers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, today, the Philippine Cultural Center is the Filipino community's premier meeting place for social celebrations, civic and religious functions, cultural and arts events, health and senior citizen programs, and historical presentations; and

WHEREAS, the Philippine Cultural Center is an active contributor to the region, raising money for various charitable causes and supporting youth activities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Philippine Cultural Center of Virginia hereby be commended for its outreach and service to the Filipino community in Virginia Beach and throughout the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Manuel Hipol, chairman of the Council of United Filipino Organizations of Tidewater, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the Philippine Cultural Center of Virginia's success and best wishes for the future.

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