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By Senators Kastama, Shin, Weinstein and Kline

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1 TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
2 AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE HONORABLE GLORIA
5 MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND TO
6 CONDOLEEZA RICE, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES:

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

10 WHEREAS, The Republic of the Philippines had a consulate in
11 Seattle, Washington, to serve the large Filipino-American community in
12 the Pacific Northwest; and

13 WHEREAS, Washington is a significant trading partner with the
14 Phillippines, being the 12th largest trading partner with the
15 Philippines by dollar volume; and

16 WHEREAS, There are more than 65,000 Filipino-Americans in
17 Washington state with strong family and commercial ties to the
18 Philippines; and

19 WHEREAS, Reestablishing a consulate here will strengthen cultural
20 and tourism ties to the Philippines; and

1 WHEREAS, Those seeking visas and trade documents now face the
2 inconvenience of traveling to San Francisco to obtain consular
3 assistance;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that President
5 Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo support Resolution 1452 introduced by
6 Congressman Rodolfo Valencia and Congressman Antonio Cuenco, calling
7 for the establishment of a consulate in the Western United States; and,
8 that should such a consulate be established, the location would be in
9 Seattle, Washington.

10 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
11 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
12 States, the Honorable Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the
13 Republic of the Philippines, Condoleeza Rice, Secretary of State of the
14 United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker
15 of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the
16 State of Washington.

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