

1 [Supporting Award of the Congressional Gold Medal to Filipino War Veterans of World War II]

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3 **Resolution calling upon the United States Congress to award the Congressional Gold**
4 **Medal to Filipino veterans of World War II in recognition of their loyal and selfless duty**
5 **to the Philippines and the United States of America.**

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7 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors has always supported properly
8 recognizing the service and sacrifice of all veterans; and

9 WHEREAS, The men and women of the Philippines and the United States performed
10 an invaluable service in defense of the United States and Philippines from July 26, 1941, to
11 December 31, 1946; and

12 WHEREAS, Filipino veterans of World War II were an integral part of the United States
13 Armed Forces Far East, serving with great distinction to help defeat the Japanese and liberate
14 the Philippines on October 20, 1944; and

15 WHEREAS, Filipino veterans of World War II were assigned to the Philippine Scouts,
16 Philippine Commonwealth Army, New Philippine Scouts, recognized guerillas, the 1st Filipino
17 Infantry Regiment, 2d Filipino Infantry Battalion, and 1st Reconnaissance Battalion; and

18 WHEREAS, Of the estimated 300,000 loyal and courageous Filipino veterans of World
19 War II who served and fought, more than 57,000 gave their lives and were killed in action
20 during the four-year battle to defend, and free their homeland, which was then sovereign
21 United States territory; now therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That we, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
23 Francisco, call upon the United States Congress to award the Congressional Gold Medal to
24 Filipino veterans of World War II in recognition of their loyal and selfless duty to the
25 Philippines and to the United States of America.