

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 302, THE
FILIPINO VETERANS EQUITY ACT OF 2005

WHEREAS, in 1941, President Roosevelt called member of the Philippine
Commonwealth Army into the service of the United States; and

WHEREAS, from 1941 to 1945, over 100,000 Filipinos fought alongside
the allies to reclaim the Philippine Islands from Japan; and

WHEREAS, a second group of Filipino veterans enlisted in the U.S.
Armed Forces after October 6, 1945; and

WHEREAS, Congress enacted the Rescission Act of 1946, which limited
Filipino veterans' eligibility for service-connected disability pensions, death benefits, and
other benefits provided to U.S. Armed Forces veterans; and

WHEREAS, there are less than 50,000 survivors of the total estimated
300,000 Filipino veterans who served during World War II, and approximately 20,000 of
these survivors are not receiving the full benefits they earned; and

WHEREAS, House Resolution (H.R.) 302, The Filipino Veterans Equity
Act of 2005 would resolve this unfair situation by amending Title 38 of the United
States Code to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government
of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active
service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of
Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Long Beach desires to express
its support for this action to restore benefits to veterans who served this country.

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NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves
as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Long Beach hereby
expresses its support of H. R. 302, The Filipino Veterans Equity Act of 2005.

Sec. 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by
the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify to the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City
Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2006
by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk

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