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1 RESOLUTION NO. RES-06-0002

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 302, THE  
5 FILIPINO VETERANS EQUITY ACT OF 2005  
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7 WHEREAS, in 1941, President Roosevelt called member of the Philippine  
8 Commonwealth Army into the service of the United States; and

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, there are less than 50,000 survivors of the total estimated  
17 300,000 Filipino veterans who served during World War II, and approximately 20,000 of  
18 these survivors are not receiving the full benefits they earned; and

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

25 WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Long Beach desires to express  
26 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 January 17, 2006  
by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Lowenthal, Baker, Colonna,  
O'Donnell, Kell, Richardson,  
Lerch.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: Reyes Uranga, Gabelich.



City Clerk