By Senators Honeyford and McCaslin

WHEREAS, the Filipino American Community Hall in Wapato was completed on March 22, 1952, and serves as the facility where Filipino culture and heritage can be preserved in the Yakima Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Filipino American Community Hall has opened as a public facility for all people and groups of the Yakima Valley, promoting community events, group gatherings and public meetings which benefit all people of the Yakima Valley and Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the Filipino American community of the Yakima Valley continues to promote the social and economic well-being of Filipino Americans in the Yakima Valley, and foster harmony with all people regardless of race, color, religion or national heritage; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Yakima Valley's Filipino American Community represent a rich heritage and contributions which are an indelible part of the Yakima Valley and Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Filipino American Community Hall will be widely celebrated by local and state Filipino communities, and by other Yakima Valley, state, national and international leaders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor the accomplishments of the Filipino American Community Hall in Wapato, Washington, on its Golden Anniversary, March 22, 2002, and urge the citizens of Washington State to recognize this hall as a significant site.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution. 8745, adopted by the Senate March 11, 2002.

TONY M. COOK Secretary of the Senate