

House Resolution 1378

By: Representatives Lim of the 98<sup>th</sup>, Olaleye of the 59<sup>th</sup>, Byrd of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Neal of the 79<sup>th</sup>, Au of the 50<sup>th</sup>, and others

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 11, 2024, as Fil-Am Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, members of the Filipino-American (Fil-Am) community contribute to the  
3 diverse culture and economy of Georgia, with robust participation in the religious, cultural,  
4 and social lives of their local communities; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia is home to more than 47,724 Filipino-Americans who are members of  
6 the United States Armed Forces and who work as health care professionals, scientists,  
7 engineers, entrepreneurs, accountants, educators, attorneys, public servants, civic leaders, and  
8 many other professions; and

9 WHEREAS, annually on June 12, Filipino-Americans in Georgia celebrate the proclamation  
10 of Philippine Independence from Spain. In Atlanta, Filipino-Americans, represented by the  
11 Kalayaan Atlanta Committee and in coordination with Makabayan Georgia Inc. and the  
12 Philippine Honorary Consulate General, host Filipino-Americans and supporters from around  
13 the Southeast by showcasing rich traditions of food, dance, art, music, national dress, and  
14 much more; and

15 WHEREAS, the United States and the Philippines have had a close relationship since 1898,  
16 when the Philippines was ceded to the United States by Spain in the Treaty of Paris. The  
17 Philippines was part of the United States until 1946 and served as a valuable ally during  
18 World War II in the fight against Japan; and

19 WHEREAS, Filipino-Americans in Georgia have served in a variety of judicial and elected  
20 roles, including Rizza Palmares O'Connor, former Chief Magistrate Judge for Toombs  
21 County; Bryan C. Ramos, current Chief Judge for the Municipal Court of the City of  
22 Brookhaven; and Representative Marvin Lim, the sponsor of this resolution.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body commend the Filipino-American community in Georgia and  
25 recognize March 11, 2024, as Fil-Am Day at the state capitol.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
28 public and the press.