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**Heller, Bipartisan Group of Senators Introduce Resolution Recognizing October as Filipino American History Month**

**WASHINGTON –** U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) joined U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono (D-HI) and a bipartisan group of senators in introducing a resolution that honors the economic and social contributions of Filipino-Americans, as well as formally recognizes October of 2018 as Filipino American History Month.

“I am honored to join my colleagues in introducing this bipartisan resolution to recognize the Filipino-American community’s extensive and unique contributions to the state of Nevada and this country,” **said Heller**. “As a senior member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, I am especially proud that our legislation honors those Filipino veterans who made immense sacrifices to protect our nation during World War II, including the ‘Mighty-Five’ veterans from Nevada. This October in particular, I join my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to celebrate the traditions, culture, and many contributions of the more than 100,000 Filipino-Americans living in Nevada, and the millions of individuals across our country.”

Last October, [Heller honored the Filipino and Filipino-American veterans from the Second World War](https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2017/10/video-heller-honors-wwii-filipino-veterans-including-nevada-s-sergeant-baldonado-at-the-congressional-gold-medal-ceremony) during a Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony held at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. Heller is the co-author of the [Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act](https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2016/7/senate-passes-heller-hirono-legislation-awarding-congressional-gold-medal-to-wwii-filipino-veterans), which was signed into law to recognize the dedication and heroism of these individuals. At the ceremony, Heller specifically recognized Sergeant Regaldo Baldonado of Las Vegas, Nevada for his serves to the Fil-American Army in 1982. You may view Heller’s remarks during the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony by clicking [HERE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2EejN9PjE_g&feature=youtu.be). Heller has also authored the [Filipino Veterans Promise Act](https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2015/1/heller-hirono-meng-introduce-bill-to-help-filipino-veterans-receive-deserved-benefits), legislation that establishes a process for Filipino veterans to prove their service to the United States during World War II in order to receive the recognition they long deserve.

In addition to Heller and Hirono, the resolution to honor Filipino American History Month is also cosponsored by U.S. Senators Maria Cantwell (D-WA), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Dick Durbin (D-IL), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Kamala Harris (D-CA), Tim Kaine (D-VA), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Patty Murray (D-WA), Bernard Sanders (I-VT), Brian Schatz (D-HI), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), and Elizabeth Warren (D-MA).

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