## Rep. Eshoo Statement in Recognition of Filipino American Heritage Month

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Washington, D.C. – In honor of Filipino American Heritage Month, Rep. Anna G. Eshoo (D – Palo Alto) released the following statement.

&Idquo; This month we celebrate Filipino Heritage Month and it is an honor to recognize the over 15,000 residents of my Congressional District who are of Filipino descent. Filipino Americans have made many great contributions to the 14th Congressional District and it is fitting to acknowledge their long and continued service to the state of California and the nation.

&Idquo;I want to especially honor Filipino Veterans for their heroic service to our country. Congress passed legislation this year to authorize a lump-sum payment to Filipino veterans, but this is only a down payment for what is owed to these courageous soldiers. Filipino veterans served honorably and sacrificed their lives side-by-side American soldiers during World War II and they deserve what we promised them over sixty years ago. I pledge to work with my colleagues until full equity is won for Filipino veterans."

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