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**BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND MICHIGAN AS
“A GATEWAY TO OPPORTUNITIES”**

Chicago, 08 May 2019 – Sharing firm beliefs in the value of relationships as “a gateway to opportunities,” Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin and Congresswoman Haley Stevens met at the latter’s 11th Congressional District office in Livonia, Michigan.



Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin with Congresswoman Haley Stevens (D-MI-11th)

Consul General Jamoralin congratulated Congresswoman Stevens on her election as part of the historic “pink wave” that saw a record number of women who ran and won in the November 2018 elections. At 35, she is also the first millennial voted by the State of Michigan into the U.S. Congress. Having worked under the Obama administration as Chief of Staff of the Presidential Task Force on the Auto Industry, Rep. Stevens’ advocacies include developing high-tech manufacturing jobs in a smart infrastructure economy.

The Consul General likewise shared with the freshman Congresswoman background information on the longstanding bilateral ties between the U.S. and the Philippines, as well as the possibility of fostering wider and more fruitful people-to-people cooperation through twinning arrangements between academic institutions and cities in Michigan and the Philippines.

Filipinos and Filipino-Americans residing in Rep. Stevens' district number about 3,789 based on the US Census Survey in 2010.

Currently serving on the House Committee on Education and Labor and Committee on Science, Space and Technology and chairing the Sub-Committee on Research and Technology, Democratic Congresswoman Stevens also welcomed the Consul General's invitation for her to consider joining the US-Philippines Friendship Caucus in the US Congress.

Joined by Honorary Consul Marcus Evangelista and DCG Romulo Victor Israel Jr., Consul General Jamoralin thanked Congresswoman Stevens for taking the time from her busy Work District Period. The Consul General's visit to Michigan coincided with the consular Philippine Consulate General in Chicago's consular outreach service in Southfield, Michigan on 27 April 2019. **END**



Consul General Jamoralin (right) presents a Philippine-made tokens of appreciation to Congresswoman Stevens (center) as Mr. Eli Isaguirre, Deputy District Director, looks on during their meeting at the congresswoman's district office in Livonia, Michigan. (Photos courtesy of DCG RV Israel)