



## CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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### CONSUL GENERAL CALONGE MEETS WITH CONGRESSMAN VISCLOSKY



*Congressman Peter John Visclosky (center) representing the northwestern region of Indiana is flanked by Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge (right) and Deputy Consul General Romulo Victor Israel Jr.*

Philippine Consul General to Chicago and the Midwest, Generoso D.G. Calonge, yesterday morning met with U.S. Representative Peter John Visclosky of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District of Indiana at the latter's office in Merrillville, IN.

Consul General Calonge discussed the pending H.R.2737 or the Congressional Gold Medal Act for Filipino Veterans of WWII and requested his support for its passage in the U.S. House of Representatives where 195 members have already signed on as co-sponsors.

The U.S. Senate last month passed its own version of the bipartisan bill honoring the legacy of valor and heroism of Filipino veterans, now dwindling to less than 20,000, as well as American commanders and soldiers who fought under various units of the U.S. Armed Forces in the Far East.

Recalling the stint of his uncle who also served in Bataan, Congressman Visclosky promised to look into the proposed legislation. As a ranking member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, he also expressed interest in US-PH cooperation on security and defense as well as current geopolitical issues in the region.

ConGen Calonge thanked and hoped for closer cooperation with Congressman Visclosky on behalf of almost 3,000 Filipinos in his district that he has been serving since 1985. *END*

