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Governor Rauner Hosts Filipino American History Month (FAHM) Celebration

The Consulate General of the Philippines in Chicago would like to inform the Filipino American community that Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner hosted the State of Illinois Filipino American History Month (FAHM) celebration at the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago on 06 October 2017.

Gov. Rauner remarked that, "Filipino American History Month is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and reflect on the contributions Filipino Americans have made to our state and country, including the Filipino veterans of WWII."

During the brief noontime ceremony, Consul General Generoso DG Calonge, for his part, extolled the importance of celebrating FAHM to remember the history, as well as the noteworthy contributions of the Filipino American community, not just in Chicago but in the entire United States.

The highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of awards by Gov. Rauner for community service, business leadership, emerging leader and lifetime achievement to Filipino-Americans Jasmine Hernandez, Edgar Jimenez, Michelle Lura-White and Ronal Bongat, respectively. A social service award was given to the Filipino American Historical Society of Chicago.

During the event, Governor Rauner presented a surprise special honorary award to Consul General Calonge for his outstanding leadership in and distinguished service to the community.

Gov. Rauner also issued a Proclamation for the FAHM in Illinois wherein he acknowledged the contributions of Filipino Americans to the state of Illinois and to the United States as a whole in the fields of culture, society, politics, economics, education, technology, and religion.

The celebration of FAHM will be observed in cooperation with the Filipino American communities in Chicago, suburban Illinois, and the Midwest.

Chicago, 10 October 2017





(From L-R) Ms. Janice Glenn from the Illinois Department of Human Rights and Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner present Leadership Award to Consul General Generoso DG Calonge. Joining them is Lifetime Achievement Awardee Ronald Bongat. Photo courtesy of Mr. Arnel Santiago



(From L-R) Protocol Officer Sheridan Sabeniano, Cultural Officer Anna Liza F. Alcantara, Business Leadership Awardee Edgar Jimenez, Community Service Awardee Jasmine Hernandez, Edmer Abante of Two Filipinos Band, Lifetime Achievement Awardee Ronald Bongat, Consul General Generoso DG Calonge, Mr. Jason Vinluan of Two Filipinos Band, Community Organization Social Service Awardee The Filipino American Historical Society of Chicago (FAHSC) led by Estrella Alamar, Emerging Leader Awardee Michelle Lura-White, Thomas Choi of the Governor's Office and Mr. Ruben Salazar with members of the FAHSC. Photo courtesy of Mr. Arnel