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CONSUL GENERAL ARAGON CALLS ON CONGRESSMAN RALPH HALL



Los Angeles, 18 August 2009 – Consul General Mary Jo Bernardo Aragon, who visited Dallas, TX on 13-17 August 2009 to lead a Consular Outreach Program, paid a courtesy call on Congressman Ralph Hall, a Republican who represents the 4th district of Texas, on 14 August 2009 at his Rockwall residence.

During the call, Consul General Aragon updated the Honorable Congressman on the latest developments in the Philippines.

The Consul General also sought the support of Congressman Hall for the “Save Our Industries Act of 2009 (SAVE Act).” Under the SAVE Act, if the eligible garment’s essential character is comprised of US-made fabrics and yarns, and is cut and wholly assembled in the Philippines, it would qualify to re-enter the U.S. free of duty. This could also provide Philippine apparel manufacturers the opportunity to compete with other countries, especially with China, for the U.S. market. ###end