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WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY AT JOSE RIZAL MONUMENT KICKS-OFF FILIPINO-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH IN CARSON CITY



Left photo: Group photo with Consul General Cruz (2nd row, 7th from left), Mayor Robles (8th) and Councilmember Santarina (10th) with the members of the Fleet Reserve Association Branch No.302 and Carson City beauty titlists. Right photo: Consul General Cruz delivers his remarks.

Los Angeles, 19 October 2018 – The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles led by Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz participated in the wreath-laying ceremony at the Dr. Jose P. Rizal Monument located at the Carson City, CA's International Sculpture Garden to officially kick-off the month-long celebrations of the Filipino-American History Month on 06 October 2018.

After the ceremony, a cultural program followed at the Congresswoman Juanita Millender McDonald (CJMM) Community Center.



In his remarks, Consul General Cruz highlighted the significance of Filipino-American History Month which goes beyond merely taking pride in the large presence of Filipinos in the United States. He added that, for many, especially the younger generation of Fil-Ams, October has come to symbolize the Filipinos' continuing struggle for greater recognition in the U.S., which has spanned centuries. Carson City Mayor Albert Robles, for his part, acknowledged the contributions of the Filipino-American community, particularly, Councilmember Santarina's peace and order efforts which led to about 30% decrease of the crime rate in the city.

Left photo: The event's guests of honor, from left to right, Mayor Robles, Consul General Cruz, Senator Steven Bradford and Councilmember Santarina.

During the program, awards for leadership, youth achievement and heroism were also presented to outstanding members of the community. Cultural performances featured select dances from different regions of the Philippines and song numbers, which were well received and appreciated by the audience. The celebrations are organized annually by the City of Carson to showcase the contributions of Filipino-Americans throughout the years. END.