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## PHILCONGEN LA CELEBRATES 75 GLORIOUS YEARS OF PHL-U.S.A. FRIENDSHIP



Los Angeles, 23 July 2021 – the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of PHL-U.S.A. Diplomatic Relations on 21 July 2021 with a simple program honoring ten (10) septuagenarian members of the Filipino-American community whose birthdays coincided with the establishment of the friendship between the Philippines and the United States 75 years ago. The honorees received a certificate of appreciation and a simple token from Consul General Edgar Badajos.

In his keynote message, the undersigned recalled how the friendly relations between the Philippines and the United States have prospered over the years through robust cultural and people-to-people ties between the two countries. "This friendship has paved the way for a wide range of cooperation in the areas of defense and security, education, humanitarian assistance, and health."



During the program, "the Forever Young Seniors," a group of Fil-Am seniors from the community performed a cultural number to the delight of everyone. Consul General Badajos also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms Perla Santos, founder and president of the Movement To Help End Rape and Other Child Abuse (MOTHER), which collaborated with the Consulate in organizing the program.



A commemorative video presentation prepared by the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs highlighting the 75 years of bilateral ties between the two countries was also played.