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Fil-Ams Pay Tribute to Labor Rights Leader, Larry Itliong

08 November 2021 – Filipino-Americans in Southern California held separate festivities on various dates in October to pay tribute to the life and achievements of *Larry Dulay Itliong*, known as one of the fathers of the West Coast labor movement. The celebrations coincided with the Philippine-American History which is held every October.

Consulate officials led by Consul General Edgar B. Badajos joined the festivities in solidarity with Filipino-American Community in Southern California as they commemorated *Larry Itliong Day*.

California Gov. Gavin Christopher Newsom issued a proclamation on 22 October 2021, declaring the 25th of October as “*Larry Itliong Day*” in the State, and inducting Mr. Itliong into the California Hall of Fame. An excerpt from the Proclamation states, “*This month, I had the honor of inducting Mr. Itliong into the California Hall of Fame, recognizing his incredible impact on our state and unapologetic advocacy for those without a voice. Today, on this 108th anniversary of his birth, we honor the great contributions of Larry Itliong and the Manongs, whose hard-fought battles helped advance farmworkers’ rights and social justice.*”

The first Larry Itliong Day in CA was celebrated in October 2015, following the California State Assembly’s passage of the bill, requiring the State of California to annually observe “Larry Itliong Day”. The bill, which was authored by the first Filipino-American elected to the state’s Assembly, Assemblymember Rob Bonta, declared October 25, Itliong’s birthday, as the designated day to commemorate the Filipino-American farm labor organizer. END.



The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles, represented by Consul Maria Alnee A. Gamble, joined the City of Carson, CA and its large Filipino-American Community in celebrating the City’s 12th Annual Larry Itliong Celebration held in the afternoon of 23 October 2021 at the Carson Veterans Park. With the theme, “Stronger Together in CommUNITY and Heroism” (STITCH), the highlight of this year’s celebration was the Larry Itliong Labor Awards Ceremony.



Consul Maynard S. Maleon, joined the Filipino-American community in Los Angeles at the Larry Itliong Day Festival 2021 celebration dubbed, *Makiisa sa Pagtulong at Pagsulong*, which was co-organized by the Pilipino Workers Center (PWC) of Southern California and the Los Angeles City Department of Cultural Affairs.



Vice Consul Valerie Faith P. Tan joined the Filipino-American Voice United (FAVU) in conferring the Larry Itliong Leadership Award (LILA) upon three Fil-Am community leaders namely, Ms. Trinity Foliente, Mr. Noel Omega, and Mr. Wilfredo Espiritu (posthumous). The event also featured an audio-visual presentation on the life of Larry Itliong.