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**US SENATORS HEAR THE FILIPINO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY'S CALL
S.1315 IS PASSED BY US SENATE**

All Senators from Northeast USA Vote "Aye"

New York – The Philippine Consulate General New York lauds and is grateful to the Filipino-American community in the northeast for their efforts in campaigning for support of the S.1315, the [Veterans Benefits Enhancement Act of 2007](#).

In today's voting session, all the US Senators from the northeast, from Connecticut (Dodd, Lieberman), Delaware (Biden, Carper), Maine (Collins, Snowe), Massachusetts (Kennedy, Kerry), New Hampshire (Gregg, Sununu), New Jersey (Lautenberg, Menendez), New York (Clinton, Schumer), Pennsylvania (Casey, Specter), Rhode Island (Reed, Whitehouse) to Vermont (Leahy, Sanders) were present and voted "aye" in favor of passing this historic piece of legislation. Senator Hillary Clinton was the only one of the Presidential candidates present during the vote.

It has been sixty-two years since the end of WWII, our veterans are now in their twilight years. Of the 260,143 who survived the battlefields and privations of captivity, only 18,000 endure. With the support of the US Senate, we are closer than ever to righting the injustice of the Rescission Act of 1946. Now, the struggle to achieve justice and equity for the Filipino WWII Veterans moves to the House of Representatives.

The fight for the cause, however, is not over yet. The Philippine Consulate General New York now enjoins the Filipino-American community to continue the campaign for the rights of our veterans who, as young men and women saw honor in fighting for the cause of freedom and justice under the US flag. Call your Representatives to support HR 760; make your voices heard.