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## Filipino vets in US thank solons

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MANILA, Philippines—World War II Filipino veterans based in the United States recently thanked US legislators who pressed for the inclusion of a provision of a one-time lump-sum payment for them under the American Recovery and Investment Act.

In a report to the Department of Foreign Affairs, Philippine Ambassador to Washington Willy Gaa said the veterans assisted embassy staff in presenting certificates of appreciation to the lawmakers at a reception held at the Cannon House Office Building on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC.

Rep. Bob Filner hosted the reception.

On Feb. 19, US President Barack Obama signed into law the measure known as the Economic Stimulus Package Law that includes a provision recognizing the military service of Filipino veterans in WWII.

Under the law, surviving Filipino veterans who had become US citizens would get \$15,000 while those in the Philippines would receive \$9,000.

Gaa said the reception was attended by about 90 Filipino veterans, leaders and members of the Filipino-American community in the Metro DC area, members of the media and staffers of key supporters of the bill in the US Congress who included Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Rep. Neil Abercrombie and Filner.