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## ***Eileen DeCesare , RN, MS, CNA, LNC President and Founder of Professional Healthcare Resources, Inc. Unanimously Selected As One Of The 2009 Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA)***

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 12 (PinoyGlobal) - Eileen DeCesare , RN, MS, CNA, LNC, President and Founder of Professional Healthcare Resources, Inc. is unanimously selected as one of the 2009 Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA) by the TOFA Panel Board of Judges headed by Nonoy & Aida Mendoza of the FILIPINO IMAGE MAGAZINE (FILIM) and the PINOY GLOBAL ONLINE NEWS (PGON), and the ROXANNE ANDREA MENDOZA (RAM) MEMORIAL FOUNDATION.

The TOFA project was initiated in 1990 and have been commended by the governments of the United States, Canada and the Philippines. The bio-data and photograph of the 360 Past TOFA Awardees are found in the PINOY GLOBAL ONLINE NEWS : WWW.FILAMIMAGE.COM, a 24/7 global web site.

The CRITERIA, HISTORY and other TOFA informations are found in the popular website. A complete copy issue of FILIPINO IMAGE Magazine's 2007 & 2008 Souvenir Journals, detailing more one hundred pages of bio-data of the 2008 TOFA awardees and photographs; VIP Special Messages and including all the Congratulatory Messages and ADS, in full color, are in the website and free for all to read globally. An unprecedented feat in Filipino journalism.

The 3-day 14th annual event starts on Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009 with an informal get-together for the awardees and their special guests. The following, Friday, Sept. 11th, the VIP Luncheon at JW Marriott Hotel, and at night, the fabulous welcome dinner reception at the Philippine Embassy. The following day, Saturday, a sight-seeing tour, and photo opportunity around the Nations' Capital, capped with a memorable VIP Dim Sum Luncheon. At night, Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009, is a formal gala Banquet and Ball Award Ceremony. After the gala is the traditional Filipino breakfast which will end the whirlwind social functions.

Immediately prior to creating Professional Healthcare Resources, Eileen served as Director of Nursing Systems at D.C. General Hospital in Washington, D.C. Her professional experience in the healthcare industry spans almost forty-four



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years, and includes clinical nursing, nursing education, nursing administration and home care administration. After graduating from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in Quezon City, Philippines, Mrs. DeCesare was recruited to the U.S. in 1964, and holds a Bachelor of Nursing from University of Illinois and a Masters in Public Administration—Healthcare Management from DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois. Her many certifications, awards, and honors include certification for Nursing Administration, Advance level, Legal Nurse Consultant;

inclusion in Sigma Theta Tau's 1993 100 Extraordinary Nurses in the District of Columbia; St. Luke's Nursing Alumni Foundation, USA Outstanding Alumni, 1994; Who's Who in America; 2002 Honored Professional in Who's Who in Executives and Professionals. Mrs. DeCesare's professional memberships include the American Organization of Nurse Executives, as well as serving as president of the Philippine Nurses Association of Metropolitan Washington, on the Board of Directors of the Philippine Nurses Associations of America, Sigma Theta Tau, National Nursing Honor Society and, as of March 2007, on the Board of Directors of Ecosystem Solutions, Inc. Her community work involved medical mission to the Philippines, designated as Mrs. Philippines of Metro

Washington area 1991 for raising \$45,000 to help build a senior home in Oxon Hill, Maryland, volunteer work at the National Shrine for the Immaculate Conception, participation in health fairs and blood drives, and as Eucharistic Minister for St. Mark's Catholic Church and ministering to the parishioners at home and at assisted living facilities. In 2004, a portion of the space in all Professional Healthcare Resources offices was painted red, which, in addition to being Mrs. DeCesare's favorite color, also symbolizes power, good luck, and success in various cultures. After thirteen years and seven branches, Mrs. DeCesare is proud to see those qualities reflected in Professional Healthcare Resources today.

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