
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE COURAGEOUS CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICE OF THE
FILIPINO VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II.

1 WHEREAS, on July 26, 1941, in anticipation of war with
2 Japan, President Roosevelt issued an Executive Order calling for
3 over 200,000 Filipino soldiers to serve in the United States
4 Armed Forces in the Far East (USAFFE); and

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6 WHEREAS, ten hours after Pearl Harbor was attacked, the
7 United States military bases in the Philippines were also
8 attacked, plunging the Philippines into war; and

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10 WHEREAS, on March 27, 1942, Congress passed Title 8 of the
11 Second War Powers Act, which provided that noncitizens who
12 served in active duty in the USAFFE during World War II would be
13 granted United States citizenship; and

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15 WHEREAS, even after United States forces retreated from the
16 Philippines in April of 1942, Filipinos continued to fight
17 courageously against the invading Japanese forces, forming
18 guerilla units to conduct operations, collect intelligence, and
19 help prepare for the return of American forces; and

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21 WHEREAS, after the war, the New Philippine Scouts were
22 formed to help reestablish United States authority in the
23 Pacific, which resulted in thousands more Filipino soldiers
24 called to serve the United States; and

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26 WHEREAS, throughout the war, Filipino soldiers demonstrated
27 the highest levels of bravery and courage, willing to pay the
28 ultimate price to support the United States and restore liberty
29 and peace to the Philippines; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature
4 recognizes the courageous contributions and service of the
5 Filipino veterans of World War II; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's Congressional
9 Delegation, the President of the United Filipino Council of
10 Hawaii, President of the Congress of Visayan Organizations,
11 President of the Filipino American Citizens League, President of
12 the Filipino Coalition for Solidarity, President of the World
13 War II Fil-Am Veterans, Chairperson of the National Federation
14 of Filipino American Associations - Region 12, President of the
15 Philippine Nurses Association - Hawaii, and the President of the
16 Oahu Filipino Community Council.

