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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT H.R. 1287 AND S. 671 RELATING TO FILIPINO FAMILY REUNIFICATION, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION, TO PROVIDE PRIORITY ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO FILIPINO VETERANS' CHILDREN WITH APPROVED IMMIGRATION PETITIONS.

1 WHEREAS, on July 26, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt  
2 issued Military Order No. 81, placing the Philippine  
3 Commonwealth Armed Forces and the Special Philippine Scouts  
4 under the United States Armed Forces command to join the  
5 military assault against the Japanese forces in defense of  
6 America's democracy; and  
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8 WHEREAS, throughout 1941-1946, tens of thousands of  
9 Filipino soldiers were held as prisoners, risking their lives  
10 and the lives of their families while maintaining underground  
11 battles against the invading Japanese forces and boldly  
12 assisting the United States Armed Forces in its campaign to  
13 liberate the Philippines; and  
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15 WHEREAS, Filipino wartime veterans, many of whom were  
16 permanently disabled and honorably discharged from the military  
17 after serving more than ninety days on active duty military  
18 service during World War II, are eligible for federal veterans  
19 benefits and services; and  
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21 WHEREAS, former President Bill Clinton on October 17, 1996,  
22 President George W. Bush on July 26, 2001, and the United States  
23 Congress by H.R. 622 and S. 387 on September 13, 2006,  
24 recognized and proclaimed the vital role that the Filipino  
25 wartime soldiers played in assisting the United States Armed  
26 Forces in defeating the invading Japanese forces in defense of  
27 freedom; and  
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Defense, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, and members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.

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