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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF  
"AMERASIANS" IN THE AMERASIAN IMMIGRATION ACT OF 1982.

1           WHEREAS, since World War II millions of American military  
2 service personnel and United States government employees have  
3 been stationed throughout countries in Asia, including the  
4 Philippines; and

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6           WHEREAS, during the time, many American servicemen and  
7 government employees fathered children with local residents of  
8 these countries; and

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10          WHEREAS, many of these children were left behind in these  
11 countries when the American parent returned home; and

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13          WHEREAS, the Amerasian Immigration Act of 1982 (Pub L. 97-  
14 359), provides for preferential treatment in the admission of  
15 children of United States citizens where the child "was born in  
16 Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Kampuchea [Cambodia], or Thailand after  
17 1950 and before [October 22, 1982], and was fathered by a United  
18 States citizen"; and

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20          WHEREAS, thousands of children in the Philippines were  
21 fathered by United States citizens between 1950 and October 22,  
22 1982, but are not included in the Act; now, therefore,

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24          BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
25 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
26 Session of 2008, that the United States Congress is urged to  
27 amend the Amerasian Immigration Act of 1982, as amended, to  
28 include the Philippines in the list of Asian countries where  
29 children fathered by United States citizens between 1950 and  
30 October 22, 1982, may eligible for preferential admissions  
31 treatment; and

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33          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
34 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,  
35 the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of



1 the United States House of Representatives, and to the members  
2 of Hawaii's delegation to the Congress of the United States.

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