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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2008 AS FILIPINO VETERANS  
APPRECIATION MONTH.

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 United States Armed Forces during  
13 World War II would be 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, that this body proclaims the month of June 2008  
4 as Filipino Veterans Appreciation Month.  
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