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# HOUSE 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, that this body recognizes the courageous  
4 contributions and service of the Filipino veterans of World War  
5 II; and

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

