

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1575-08

Honolulu, Hawaii

Aj 1, 2008

RE: H.R. No. 91

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on International Affairs, to which was referred H.R. No. 91 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENACT THE FILIPINO AMERICAN VETERANS EQUITY ACT OF 2007, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION PROVIDING VETERANS BENEFITS TO FILIPINO VETERANS WHO SERVED OUR NATION IN WORLD WAR II,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to request Congress and the President of the United States to enact the Filipino American Veterans Equity Act of 2007, or similar legislation that provides World War II Filipino veterans with full federal veterans benefits.

Several concerned individuals supported this concurrent resolution. The Office of Veterans Services (OVS) supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee notes that according to OVS, the veterans of the Bataan Death March currently receive benefits and the extent of those benefits needs to be further clarified.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 91 and recommends its adoption.

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Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on International  
Affairs,

  
RIDA T.R. CABANILLA, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on International Affairs**

| Bill/Resolution No.:<br><b>HR 91</b>  | Committee Referral:<br><b>INT, PSM</b> | Date:<br><b>24 March 2008</b> |          |          |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.   |  |                               |          |          |
| The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold<br><input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) |  |                               |          |          |
| INT Members   | Ayes                                   | Ayes (WR)                     | Nays     | Excused  |
| 1. CABANILLA, Rida T.R. (C)   | ✓                                      |                               |          |          |
| 2. AWANA, Karen Leinani   | ✓                                      |                               |          |          |
| 3. BELATTI, Della Au  |  |                               |          | ✓        |
| 4. BERTRAM, Joe, III  |  |                               |          | ✓        |
| 5. GREEN, Josh, M.D.  | ✓                                      |                               |          |          |
| 6. MIZUNO, John   | ✓                                      |                               |          |          |
| 7. RHOADS, Karl   | ✓                                      |                               |          |          |
| 8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.   | ✓                                      |                               |          |          |
| 9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane  |  |                               |          | ✓        |
| 10. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.   |  |                               |          | ✓        |
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| <b>TOTAL (10)</b>   | <b>6</b>                               | <b>0</b>                      | <b>0</b> | <b>4</b> |
| The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted<br>If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.<br><small>committee acronym(s)</small>  |  |                               |          |          |
| Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>John Cabanilla</i></u>  |  |                               |          |          |
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