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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND
PUBLIC HOUSING
Friday April 18, 2008

TESTIMONY OF IZUMI SUZUKI

ON HCR 93: " Encouraging Participation in the Statewide Black Ribbon and Black Arm
Band Campaign Against Domestic Violence"

Dear Senator Chun-Oakland and Committee Members,

I am testifying in support of House Concurrent Resolution 93 encouraging participation in a statewide black ribbon and arm band campaign against domestic violence. The purpose of the campaign is to draw attention on domestic violence. There has been a considerable increase in cases of domestic violence that there is really a need to address this problem. A campaign to this effect will making awareness to the public on the ill effects of domestic violence on the family, community and the whole populace of Hawaii. I urge the Committee members to please support this Resolution.

Izumi Suzuki
Private Citizen

Rep. John Mizuno**LATE****From:** Rep. John Mizuno**Sent:** Monday, April 14, 2008 8:58 AM**To:** 'Suzanne Green'; 'cindy.cline@gmail.com'; 'Ana Maring'; 'Dara Carlin, M.A.'; 'Esther McDaniel'; Nanci Kreidman**Subject:** Emailing: HCR93_HD1_*State Coalition Against Domestic Violence*

Aloha everyone,

I respectfully ask for your support for HCR93, HD1 - ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION IN THE STATEWIDE BLACK RIBBON AND BLACK ARM BAND CAMPAIGN AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN HAWAII. I have spoken to Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland and she has assured me that she will waive this into adoption if we can agree with the current language in this concurrent resolution. Because we are scheduled to go to conference, we probably will not have time to hold a hearing on this measure.

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I respectfully ask for your support on this important measure to provide unity against all forms of domestic violence in Hawaii. If you agree, please email Senator Chun Oakland at Senchunoakland@capitol.hawaii.gov and CC me, so that I may run the hard copy to her office.

Mahalo,
john

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2008
STATE OF HAWAII

H.C.R. NO. 93
H.D. 1

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WHEREAS, according to the Surgeon General, United States Public Health Service, domestic violence is a problem of epidemic proportions; and

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WHEREAS, a fact sheet prepared by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence stated that in 1999, there were 8,013 reported cases of domestic violence in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Police Department estimates that it spends up to one-third to one-half of their work time responding to "domestic" calls; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the physical and psychological effects of domestic violence on the victim and the victim's family, there are job-related consequences; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is the number one cause of injury to women, and CORA estimates that it costs the American economy \$8,000,000,000 to \$10,000,000,000 in absenteeism, medical costs, employee turnover, lost productivity, and other costs; and

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- (1) Urge men, women, youth, and seniors to show their support for ending all forms of domestic violence;
- (2) Raise awareness of domestic violence in the community;
- (3) Conduct domestic violence education workshops in schools, workplaces, and communities;
- (4) Support organizations that deal with the consequences of violence;
- (5) Empower victims of domestic violence; and
- (6) Provide a safe haven for victims of domestic violence;

and

WHEREAS, wearing a black ribbon and black arm band is a statement that an individual will never commit, condone, nor remain silent about violence against women; and

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WHEREAS, wearing a black ribbon and black arm band encourages reflection and discussion that will lead to personal and collective action among men, women, youth, and seniors to stop all forms of domestic violence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature encourages participation in the statewide Black Ribbon and Black Arm Band Campaign against domestic violence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Human Services, Director of Health, and Executive Director of the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Report Title:

Domestic Violence; Black Ribbon and Black Arm Band Campaign

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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(Coauthors: Senators Bowen, Machado, and Scott)

JANUARY 12, 2006

Relative to the White Ribbon Campaign.

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Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby encourages participation in the White Ribbon Campaign; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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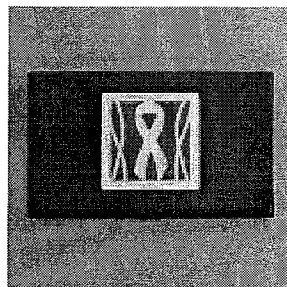
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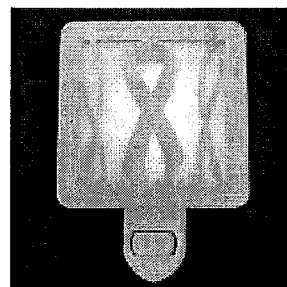
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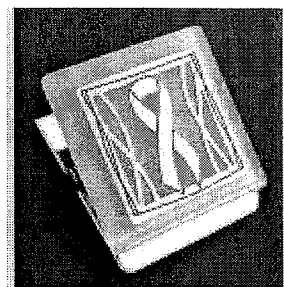
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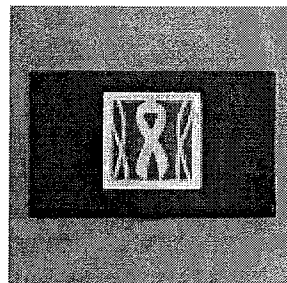
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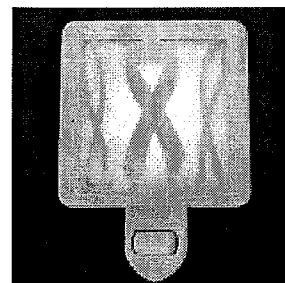
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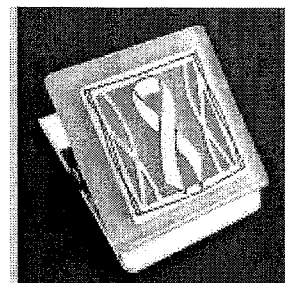
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