

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1370

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 2, 2009

RE: H.C.R. No. 298

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred  
H.C.R. No. 298 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES  
PRESIDENT AND SENATORS AND CONGRESS MEMBERS TO ENACT  
LEGISLATION TO EXPEDITE IMMIGRANT VISAS FOR FAMILY  
REUNIFICATION OF CERTAIN FILIPINO VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to help reunite  
veterans with their families by urging the United States President  
and Hawaii's Congressional delegation to support legislation  
expediting immigrant visas for the families of certain Filipino  
veterans of World War II.

The WWII Fil-Am Veterans - Hawaii Chapter (FAV) and several  
concerned individuals supported this resolution.


Your Committee notes that FAV has indicated that some  
families of Filipino World War II veterans have waited as long as  
15 years to receive a visa to reunite with their veteran relatives  
in the United States. As FAV states that the average age of these  
veterans is 85, your Committee emphasizes the necessity of  
expediting the immigrant visa process so that those who have  
honorably served may be reunited with their families.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 298 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Human Services,

  
JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HCR 298	<b>Committee Referral:</b> HUS, EBM	<b>Date:</b> 03/30/09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MIZUNO, John M. (C)	/			
2. BROWER, Tom (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III				/
5. CARROLL, Mele				/
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	/			
7. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.	/			
9. WARD, Gene	/			
<b>TOTAL (9)</b>	7	0	0	2
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <u>Tom Brown</u>				
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