

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1399

Honolulu, Hawaii

Aj 02 , 2009

RE: H.C.R. No. 303

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. 303 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PEACE CORPS
EXPANSION ACT OF 2009,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to support the
Peace Corps Expansion Act of 2009.

Testimony in support was submitted by the Invisible Children
of Hawaii Club and numerous concerned individuals.

Your Committee notes that since President John F. Kennedy
established the Peace Corps, it has served in over 139 countries
with more than 195,000 volunteers. Since that time, 1,274
volunteers from Hawaii have served in the Peace Corps. It is
important to also note that the majority of returned Peace Corps
volunteers continue to provide service and play important roles as
leaders in our communities across the nation. Because of these
volunteers' great dedication and hard work, over twenty countries
have recently requested a Peace Corps program. Those countries
with existing programs have expressed a welcome invitation to
additional volunteers.

Your Committee would like to emphasize that on December 5,
2007, in his speech entitled "A Call to Serve," President Barack
Obama made a commitment to double the size of the Peace Corps by
its 50th anniversary in 2011. Peace Corps volunteers are highly

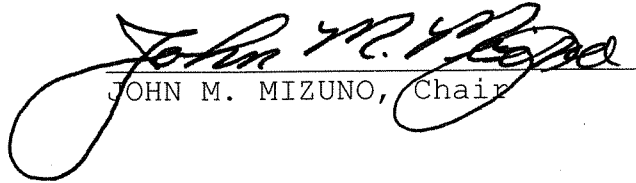
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cost-effective, costing less than \$45,000 per volunteer. Despite that fact, however, fewer than 4,000 of the 13,011 that applied for service in 2008 were provided placements. With this in mind, your Committee fully supports the President's commitment in showing the world one of our finest expressions of friendship and solidarity.

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. 303 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Tourism, Culture, & International Affairs.

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


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



