

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 30, 2010

RE: H.C.R. No. 142

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Tourism, Culture, & International Affairs and Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 142 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO EXPEDITE PAYMENT OF WAR BENEFITS TO FILIPINO VETERANS WHO FOUGHT IN WORLD WAR II BUT WERE SUBSEQUENTLY DENIED THEIR ENTITLED BENEFITS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to work toward correcting the injustice done to Filipino veterans who fought in World War II by urging the President of the United States and Congress to expedite the processing of claims and payments to Filipino veterans under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

During World War II, 250,000 Filipino soldiers fought side-by-side with United States soldiers against Japan after being promised full veterans benefits. Congress reneged on this promise and denied veterans benefits to the World War II Filipinos after the war ended. In 2009, more than 60 years later, ARRA authorized partial reparations for these veterans in the form of lump sum payments in lieu of the promised pensions.

However, even with the enactment of ARRA, our nation may entirely lose the opportunity to correct the injustice done to the World War II Filipino veterans. Only about 11,000 of these



veterans, now in their 80s and 90s, are still alive, and many have yet to receive the ARRA payment. This concurrent resolution urges the expeditious processing and payment of the ARRA reparations before it is too late.

A concerned individual supported this concurrent resolution.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Tourism, Culture, & International Affairs and Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 142 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Tourism, Culture,
& International Affairs and
Economic Revitalization,
Business, & Military Affairs,


ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair


JOLY MANAHAN, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Tourism, Culture, & International Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 142	Committee Referral: TCI / EBM	Date: 03-25-10		
<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 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
TCI Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MANAHAN, Joey (C)				✓
2. TOKIOKA, James Kunane (VC)	✓			
3. BERG, Lyla B.				✓
4. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
5. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
6. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
7. TAKAI, K. Mark				✓
8. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
9. WAKAI, Glenn				✓
10. WOOLEY, Jessica	✓			
11. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	✓			
TOTAL (11)	7	0	0	4
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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