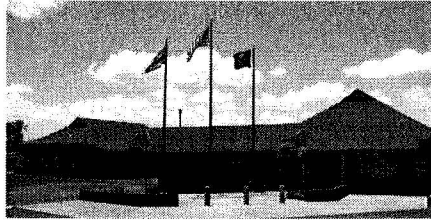


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TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 71

URGING CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF S. 1337, THE FILIPINO VETERANS FAMILY REUNIFICATION ACT OF 2009, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION, TO EXPEDITE FAMILY REUNIFICATION FOR CERTAIN FILIPINO VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, BUSINESS & MILITARY AFFAIRS

HEARING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2010, 9:00 AM, ROOM 312

Aloha Representatives Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair, Isaac W. Choy, Vice Chair, and members of the Committee. My name is Fred Ballard, President Oahu Veterans Council. The Oahu Veterans Council is comprised of over 35 Oahu veteran organizations that in turn represent over 80,000 veterans and their families.

The contents of HCR 71 tell the story. The Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act of 2009 or Senate Bill 1337's passage is long overdue. The long separations for these families, especially in their advanced years is not fair and should be corrected.

The Oahu Veterans Council strongly supports the passage of House Concurrent Resolution 71.

Mahalo for allowing us the opportunity to testify in support of this very important resolution.

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