
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO AWARD A CONGRESSIONAL
GOLD MEDAL COLLECTIVELY TO FILIPINO VETERANS OF WORLD WAR
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1 WHEREAS, during World War II, the Philippines was a
2 commonwealth of the United States; and
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4 WHEREAS, President Franklin D. Roosevelt used the authority
5 vested in him by the Constitution of the United States to call
6 all of the organized military forces of the government of the
7 Philippines into the service of the United States, although they
8 were not officially United States soldiers; and
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10 WHEREAS, nearly 100,000 soldiers of the Philippine
11 Commonwealth Army fought alongside the United States and Allied
12 forces to defend and reclaim the Philippine islands from
13 Japanese colonial rule; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Filipino veterans of World War II who fought
16 alongside United States veterans as an integral part of the
17 United States Armed Forces were not only defending or fighting
18 for the Philippines, but also defending and ultimately
19 liberating sovereign territory held by the United States
20 government; and
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22 WHEREAS, these Filipino soldiers played a vital role in the
23 Allied victory as their numerous guerrilla actions provided the
24 United States Armed Forces with time to build and prepare to
25 mount a counterattack; and
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27 WHEREAS, the commitment and sacrifice of these Filipino
28 soldiers demonstrate a highly uncommon and commendable sense of
29 patriotism and honor; and
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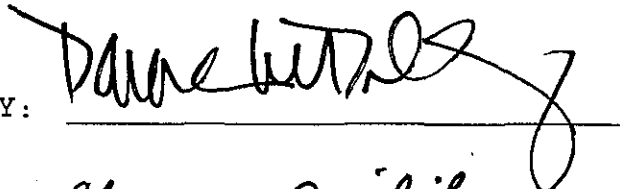
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1 WHEREAS, the United States remains forever indebted to the
 2 bravery, valor, and dedication that the Filipino veterans of
 3 World War II displayed; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
 6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the
 7 House of Representatives concurring, that the United States
 8 Congress is requested to award a Congressional Gold Medal,
 9 collectively, to the Filipino veterans of World War II in
 10 recognition of their dedicated service; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
 14 United States, President Pro Tempore of the United States
 15 Senate, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
 16 Members of Hawaii's congressional delegation, and Director of
 17 the Office of Veterans' Services.
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