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TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 151, REQUESTING THE
UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO AWARD THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL
COLLECTIVELY TO FILIPINO VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY
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Good afternoon Chair Nishihara and Vice Chair Espero, and members of the Committee:

I'm Ron Han, Director of the State Office of Veterans Services. I appreciate this opportunity to provide written testimony in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 151 as long as its implementation does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Budget.

This bill urges the United States Congress to award the Congressional Gold Medal collectively to Filipino Veterans of World War II. The Philippine Commonwealth Army fought valiantly along side the United States and Allied Forces and played major roles in pivotal campaign battles throughout the Pacific ultimately leading to a decisive Allied victory. These Filipino Veterans deserve recognition of this prestigious award, like their Nisei Veteran counterparts have earned, on behalf of a grateful Nation.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my comments.