

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3821

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR - 6 2022

RE: S.C.R. No. 179  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 179 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MARCH 10 AS  
ENEWETAK ATOLL (MARSHALL ISLANDS) LIBERATION DAY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to designate  
March 10 as Enewetak Atoll (Marshall Islands) Liberation Day.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Mani im Ejmour Alliance.

Your Committee finds that Enewetak Atoll is a large coral  
atoll in the Marshall Islands, now known as the Republic of the  
Marshall Islands. Your Committee further finds that the people of  
the Marshall Islands, including Enewetak Atoll, experience  
numerous challenges today connected to the nuclear testing  
conducted by the United States government in and above the islands  
from 1946 to 1958, such as being displaced from their ancestral  
lands because of lingering contamination. Your Committee also  
finds that many displaced citizens of Enewetak Atoll moved to and  
settled in Hawaiian Ocean View Estates on the island of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the people of Enewetak Atoll, which  
had been mandated to the Empire of Japan by the League of Nations  
after World War I, celebrate March 10, 1944, as Liberation Day,



commemorating the defeat of Japanese forces by the United States military during World War II, and that the festivities of Liberation Day have become one of the most important and enjoyable events on Enewetak Atoll. This measure designates March 10 as Enewetak Atoll (Marshall Islands) Liberation Day in honor and remembrance of the people of Enewetak Atoll and the community of their descendants in Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting detailed explanations of the nuclear testing performed by the United States government in the Marshall Islands;
- (2) Clarifying that the designation of March 10 as Enewetak Atoll (Marshall Islands) Liberation Day is in honor and remembrance of the people of Enewetak Atoll and the community of their descendants in Hawaii; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 179, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 179, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Labor, Culture and  
the Arts,

  
BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-First Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SCR 179</b>	Committee Referral: <b>LCA</b>	Date: <b>4/04/2022</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			✓
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
KEOHOKALOPE, Jarrett	✓			✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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