

TESTIMONY OF

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TO THE COMMITTEE'S ON:
CULTURE, ARTS & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

MOST STRONGLY SUPPORT SB 2202

RELATING TO VOLUNTEER MONTH

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Aloha, Chair Gates, Vice Chair Tam and committee members. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2202. Although I am Chair for the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21, I am submitting this testimony as an individual.

I totally support SB 2202 and its intent to designate the month of April as Volunteer Month to recognize the thousands of volunteers who sacrifice their personal family time to support others for always a good cause. This past two years during the pandemic, many citizens stood up to help others supporting Department of Health vaccine centers, providing food and water to our elderly, families and the homeless; The Pearl City Lions Club volunteered their time to support blood drives and even donating much needed blood, Many church groups assisted in facilitating food drives and collecting food from the community for the needy. Lastly, many military and civilian volunteer groups, working side-by-side assisted in keeping our island clean by picking up trash off the Pearl Harbor Historic Bike Trail, from our parks and on off roadways. This volunteerism was observed throughout all the island communities while spreading their Aloha to others.

I most strongly urge you to support and approve SB 2202 because it is the right thing to do to recognize our special volunteers in Hawaii. Mahalo!

Very respectfully,

Larry S. Veray