

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 458

Submitted by the Committee on Veterans Affairs & Welfare on 11 OCT 2017
Re: House Resolution No. 1411
Recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 608
Sponsor: Representative Leopoldo N. Bataoil

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Veterans Affairs and Welfare to which was referred House Resolution No. 608 introduced by Rep. Leopoldo N. Bataoil, entitled:

"RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND APPRECIATION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II FOR THE PASSAGE OF THE MEASURE AUTHORIZING THE CONFERMENT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO THE FILIPINO VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II COLLECTIVELY IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR II"

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Resolution No. 1411,
entitled:

"RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND APPRECIATION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ON BEHALF OF THE VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II, TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS FOR THE PASSAGE OF THE MEASURE AUTHORIZING THE CONFERMENT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO THE FILIPINO VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II COLLECTIVELY IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR II"

be adopted in substitution of House Resolution No. 608 with Reps. Leopoldo N. Bataoil and Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


LEOPOLDO N. BATAOIL
Chairman
Committee on Veterans Affairs & Welfare

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1411

Introduced by Representatives Leopoldo N. Bataoil and
Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND APPRECIATION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ON BEHALF OF THE VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II, TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS FOR THE PASSAGE OF THE MEASURE AUTHORIZING THE CONFERMENT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO THE FILIPINO VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II COLLECTIVELY IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR II

WHEREAS, on July 26, 1941, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt of the United States of America issued an executive order mobilizing the Philippine Commonwealth Army into the service of the U.S. Armed Forces;

WHEREAS, Filipino veterans of World War II served on the battlefield and fought courageously along side American servicemen throughout the war, participated in guerilla resistance and suffered in prisoner camps, and endured brutal conditions;

WHEREAS, with the passage of the Rescission Act on February 18, 1946 by the U.S. Congress, the Filipino soldiers were excluded from the benefits granted under the G.I. Bill of Rights, in contrast to the veterans of other nations who served under the command of the United States Army;

WHEREAS, for over sixty years after the passage of the Rescission Act of 1946, Filipino veterans have consistently pursued their battle to seek recognition and justice in the halls of the United States Congress;

WHEREAS, the 114th U.S. Congress approved S 1555 and H.R.2737, which seek to award the Congressional Gold Medal collectively to Filipino World War II veterans;

WHEREAS, its enactment into Public Law 114-265 or the Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act finally recognizes the efforts and sacrifice of the Filipino veterans in the war effort and restores their dignity and honor by awarding them with the highest expression of gratitude by the United States government;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved that the House of Representatives, on behalf of the veterans of World War II, express their profound appreciation to the United States Congress for the passage of the measure authorizing the conferment of the Congressional Gold Medal to the Filipino Veterans of World War II collectively in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.

Adopted,