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Completed by: Annette Lonich

Date: May 12, 2011

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1 [Supporting Filipino Veterans Fairness Act]

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3 **Resolution supporting Filipino Veterans Fairness Act of 2011, House of Representatives**  
4 **Bill 210.**

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6 WHEREAS, A significant number of Filipino nationals, estimated at over 250,000,  
7 served in support of United States combat operations in the Pacific Theatre during World War  
8 II; and

9 WHEREAS, Such service has been universally recognized as an important contribution  
10 to our eventual victory over Axis forces in the Pacific during that conflict, and many promises  
11 were made to both soldiers and civilians, in return for their support of war efforts at the time;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Such promises included recognition of the military service of Filipinos,  
14 including but not limited to the "Philippine Scouts" and the Philippine Commonwealth Army  
15 under direct command of the US military, as fully eligible for benefits identical to members of  
16 the US military at the time; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1946, in contradiction to the granting of benefits to veterans of the 66  
18 countries who allied with our World War II military efforts, the US Congress passed the  
19 Rescission Act, which effectively reneged on previous promises and stripped only Filipino  
20 veterans of their benefits; and

21 WHEREAS, Government tracking figures indicate that there are currently less than  
22 50,000 surviving Filipino veterans of World War II service, and of the 10,000 who currently  
23 reside in the U.S., most of whom have long since attained U.S. citizenship; and

24 WHEREAS, Despite the fact that the US Government has, as part of the American  
25 Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, initiated payment of some benefits to qualifying

1 Filipino veterans, a significant number of such veterans have been denied benefits simply  
2 because they are not in possession of Official Discharge documents from the US military; and

3 WHEREAS, Congresswoman Jackie Speier has recently introduced a bill, H.R. 210,  
4 that goes a long way toward bringing justice to this situation, and despite the fact that time is  
5 running out for those affected, there are still a number of Filipino veterans who currently  
6 reside in San Francisco, and who could potentially benefit from passage of this legislation;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Congresswoman Speier's legislation, titled the Filipino Veterans Fairness  
9 Act of 2011, is unique in that it does not introduce a new schedule of benefits for Filipino  
10 veterans, but rather simply offers an amendment to the existing VA schedule of benefits to  
11 direct the Secretary of the Veterans Administration to "take into account any alternative  
12 relevant documents regarding the service (of Filipino veterans)"; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors fully supports and urges the  
14 passage of said legislation, in an effort to bring some measure of justice to the Filipino  
15 veterans who fought valiantly with US military in World War II; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board  
17 to send a copy of this resolution to Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and Congresswoman Jackie  
18 Speier of the United States House of Representatives.

# INTRODUCTION FORM

By a member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

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I hereby submit the following item for introduction:

- 1. For reference to Committee:  
An ordinance, resolution, motion, or charter amendment
- 2. Request for next printed agenda without reference to Committee
- 3. Request for Committee hearing on a subject matter
- 4. Request for letter beginning "Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ inquires..."
- 5. City Attorney request
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- 7. Budget Analyst request (attach written motion).
- 8. Substitute Legislation File Nos.
- 9. Request for Closed Session
- 10. Board to Sit as A Committee of the Whole
- 11. Question(s) submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on \_\_\_\_\_

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Sponsor(s): Supervisor David Chiu

SUBJECT: Filipino Veterans Fairness Act of 2011

The text is listed below or attached:

Resolution supporting Filipino Veterans Fairness Act of 2011, H.R. 210.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_



For Clerk's Use Only:

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 210

To amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 2011

Ms. SPEIER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Filipino Veterans Fair-  
5 ness Act of 2011".

1 **SEC. 2. CERTAIN SERVICE IN THE ORGANIZED MILITARY**  
 2 **FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE PHIL-**  
 3 **IPPINE SCOUTS DEEMED TO BE ACTIVE**  
 4 **SERVICE.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 107 of title 38, United  
 6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) by striking “not” after “Army of the  
 9 United States, shall”; and

10 (B) by striking “, except benefits under—  
 11 ” and all that follows in that subsection and in-  
 12 serting a period;

13 (2) in subsection (b)—

14 (A) by striking “not” after “Armed Forces  
 15 Voluntary Recruitment Act of 1945 shall”; and

16 (B) by striking “except—” and all that fol-  
 17 lows in that subsection and inserting a period;

18 (3) by amending subsection (c) to read as fol-  
 19 lows:

20 “(c) **DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY.**—

21 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—In determining the eligi-  
 22 bility of the service of an individual under this sec-  
 23 tion, the Secretary shall take into account any alter-  
 24 native documentation regarding such service, includ-  
 25 ing documentation other than the Missouri List,  
 26 that the Secretary determines relevant.

1           “(2) REPORT.—Not later than March 1 of each  
2 year, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees  
3 on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House of  
4 Representatives a report that includes—

5                   “(A) the number of individuals applying  
6 for benefits pursuant to this section during the  
7 previous year; and

8                   “(B) the number of such individuals that  
9 the Secretary approved for benefits.”; and

10           (4) by amending subsection (d) to read as fol-  
11 lows:

12           “(d) RELATION TO FILIPINO VETERANS EQUITY  
13 COMPENSATION FUND.—Section 1002(h) of the American  
14 Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (title X of divi-  
15 sion A of Public Law 111–5; 123 Stat. 200; 38 U.S.C.  
16 107 note) shall not apply to an individual described in sub-  
17 section (a) or (b) of this section.”.

18           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) The heading  
19 of such section is amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 107. Certain service deemed to be active service:**  
2 **service in organized military forces of the**  
3 **Philippines and in the Philippine**  
4 **Scouts”.**

5 (2) The item relating to such section in the table of  
6 sections at the beginning of chapter 1 of such title is  
7 amended to read as follows:

“107. Certain service deemed to be active service: service in organized military  
forces of the Philippines and in the Philippine Scouts.”.

8 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

9 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The amendments made by this  
10 Act shall take effect on the date that is 90 days after the  
11 date of the enactment of this Act.

12 (b) **APPLICABILITY.**—No benefits shall accrue to any  
13 person for any period before the effective date of this Act  
14 by reason of the amendments made by this Act.

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