

HCR191

Measure Title:	COMMENDING THE JAPANESE WOMEN'S SOCIETY FOUNDATION FOR CREATING THE "ADOPT-A-MOM" PROGRAM AND ENCOURAGING ALL FAMILIES AND AGENCIES WORKING WITH THE ELDERLY OF HAWAII TO PLACE "ADOPT-A-MOM" DAY ON THEIR CALENDARS, AS THE THIRD SUNDAY OF MAY, IN OBSERVANCE OF THE ELDERLY WOMEN OF HAWAII WHO DESERVE TO BE CHERISHED AND APPRECIATED FOR THE INVALUABLE ROLE THEY PLAY AS THE MOTHERS OF OUR KEIKI O KA AINA.
Report Title:	Adopt-A-Mom Day
Description:	
Companion:	HR126
Package:	None
Current Referral:	HSH
Introducer(s):	KONG, AQUINO, BELATTI, CACHOLA, EVANS, FUKUMOTO CHANG, ICHIYAMA, ITO, KEOHOKALOLE, C. LEE, LOWEN, MIZUNO, MORIKAWA, NAKASHIMA, ONISHI, RHOADS, SAIKI, THIELEN, WARD, YAMASHITA

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland
Human Services and Housing
Committee Chair

FROM: Julie Shimonishi
Japanese Women's Society Foundation
Community Service Committee Member

TESTIMONY:

I support HSH 191 Adopt-A-Mom.

As a member of the JWSF Community Service Committee, I have seen first hand how happy ADOPT-A-MOM has made the women of the 2nd floor of Kuakini Care Home's Hale Pulama Mau. There is Jane who has no children, others whose children are living away from Hawaii and some who may have very few family visitors. They are 'adopted' as our moms on the Third Sunday of May and treated to a wonderful showing of caring and gratitude from all who attend this worthy event.

Because of Adopt-A-Mom, no mother or woman is forgotten on Mother's Day. When they smile and say 'thank you' for remembering them, I know how very appreciative they are of the kindness shown to them. It would be a dream come true for Mrs. Lillian Yajima, the originator of Adopt-A-Mom if all families and agencies working with the elderly reserve and observe the Third Sunday of May as 'ADOPT-A-MOM' Day. A day such as this gives us all the opportunity to give, to share, and to receive so much in return.