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TO: Representative Ken Ito, Committee on Veterans Military And International Affairs and Culture and the Arts
FROM: Julie Shimonishi
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Hearing Date: Monday, March 23, 2015

Hearing to be held at 10:30 a.m in Conference Room 312

TESTIMONY:

I support House Resolution 126, Adopt-A-Mom Day. 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 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. 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 if all families and agencies working with the elderly reserve and observe the Third Sunday of May as "Adopt-A-Mom" Day.