
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF
"AMERASIANS" IN THE AMERASIAN IMMIGRATION ACT OF 1982.

1 WHEREAS, since World War II millions of American military
2 service personnel and United States government employees have
3 been stationed throughout countries in Asia, including the
4 Philippines; and

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6 WHEREAS, during the time, many American servicemen and
7 government employees fathered children with local residents of
8 these countries; and

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10 WHEREAS, many of these children were left behind in these
11 countries when the American parent returned home; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Amerasian Immigration Act of 1982 (Pub L. 97-
14 359), provides for preferential treatment in the admission of
15 children of United States citizens where the child "was born in
16 Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Kampuchea [Cambodia], or Thailand after
17 1950 and before [October 22, 1982], and was fathered by a United
18 States citizen"; and

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20 WHEREAS, thousands of children in the Philippines were
21 fathered by United States citizens between 1950 and October 22,
22 1982, but are not included in the Act; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
26 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the United States
27 Congress is urged to amend the Amerasian Immigration Act of
28 1982, as amended, to include the Philippines in the list of
29 Asian countries where children fathered by United States
30 citizens between 1950 and October 22, 1982, may eligible for
31 preferential admissions treatment; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
 3 United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate,
 4 the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and
 5 to the members of Hawaii's delegation to the Congress of the
 6 United States.

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