Testimony of Daniel de Gracia, II

on the measure of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 21

before the Senate Public Safety, Government Operations and Military Affairs Committee

March 15, 2011, 2:45 pm Conference Room 224

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani, Honorable Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony in support of SCR 21. I strongly support this measure and ask for your adoption of this resolution.

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Comments:

I strongly support declaring February 6, 2011, as Ronald Reagan Day in Hawaii in honor of the centennial anniversary of his birth. It's once in a lifetime opportunity to honor a legendary president.

Who would object in honoring the most popular president in the US? President Reagan even in his death is surpassing popular president Obama in public approval.

"Freedom is not the sole prerogative of a chosen few, but the universal right of all God's children."

So spoke Ronald Reagan to the 40th Session of the United Nations General Assembly on October 25, 1985.

President Reagan was unwavering in his support of and belief in individual human freedom.

Freedom is the greatest single attribute to the advancement of humankind in the history of the world. Where freedom flourishes the whole lot of humanity thrives and prospers. Where freedom is repressed, mankind suffers.

When President Reagan took office in January, 1981, the country was afflicted by massive inflation and economic stagnation. He correctly saw how economic freedom could reverse this course.

He proposed to cut taxes, get control of government spending and get the government out of the way so that the entrepreneurial spirit of the American people could be unleashed.

It is altogether fitting and proper that we should remember and celebrate our 40th President, that the light of freedom should not be extinguished in the country that has done the most to propagate and perpetuate freedom throughout the world.

As President Reagan declared on July 6, 1987, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. It has to be fought for and defended by each generation."

Honoring Ronald Reagan, as Hawaii voters did in 1984 by concurring on his reelection to the Presidency, helps keep this flame alive and reminds each of us of our duty to preserve human freedom in our community, state, nation and around the globe.

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Testimony in Support of SCR 21: Resolution in Honor of President Ronald Reagan

I have the deepest respect and admiration for President Reagan and am testifying in support of his 100th birthday anniversary resolution. Being an immigrant and having grown up in Hawaii, I make no apology for saying how great this country is; President was THE representation of American greatness.

Being from Finland and having family who fought and died against the Soviet "Evil Empire" President Reagan's actions were life altering for the peoples of Europe and the world. As Reagan declared for tearing down the Berlin Wall...it was a chicken skin moment. No one thought it would EVER come down! How did he have the guts to call a spade a spade? Yet he did and the wall came down!

Let's not forgot the Soviet Gulag labor camps and Stalinist purges, and the Labor Union of the Gdansk shipyards in Poland lead by labor leader Lech Walesa who said NO MORE TO THE EVIL EMPIRE; the working class people of Eastern Europe finally had a champion who dared to stand up for their rights!

Please do not have politics influence your vote on this resolution in support of honoring President Reagan; in his re-election bid of 1984 he even carried Hawaii with over 50% of the vote. Let's not rewrite history and play politics; let's honor one of America's greatest citizens.

Respectfully,

AnnaMaria Preston, Ed.D.

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Comments:

Ronald Reagan was a great patriot, a veteran, a Statesman. His leadership was genuinely needed in a time of political cynicism. He liberated hostages held by terrorists. He inspired honesty in America because he was personally honest. The scope of his Presidency brought prosperity to the American People with trust in diligent application of work ethics. He stabilized our confidence in our elected officials and allowed business to increase productivity without the burden of regulatory obligations or interference. He negotiated, using diplomacy with our allies and competitors alike. Mr. Reagan continued Exceptional American traditions to encourage ownership of our government with responsibility to others and service to our nation, collectively and individually. He serves as a role model. He continues to exemplify our national spirit of generosity and optimism.

From:

Sen. Will Espero

Sent:

Tuesday, March 15, 2011 11:22 AM

To:

Marlene Uesugi

Subject:

FW: SCR21 hearing today

From: dale.s.evans@gmail.com [mailto:dale.s.evans@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Dale Evans, Charley's Taxi

Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2011 10:44 AM

To: Sen. Sam Slom; Sen. Will Espero; Sen. Michelle Kidani; Sen. Roz Baker; Sen. Pohai Ryan

Subject: SCR21 hearing today

Legislators,

We wholehearredy support a President Ronald Reagan Day in Hawaii to remind citizens that America represents the the hopes and dreams for individual liberty for the oppressed against tyrants and totalitarianism.

Most important, Reagan overcame the national despair during the Cold War, to lead our country to prosperity.

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From:

Sen. Will Espero

Sent:

Tuesday, March 15, 2011 11:21 AM

To:

Marlene Uesugi

Subject:

FW: Please support this resolution

From: Mikie Kerr [mailto:dare2kerr@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2011 10:56 AM

To: Mike Kerr

Subject: Please support this resolution

Dear Senator Espero and others,

Thank you for your service in the Hawaii Senate.

I would very much appreciate your support for Senator Slom's resolution, SCR21, declaring Feb 6, 2011 as Ronald Reagan Day in honor of the centennial anniversary of his birth. He was a great American and deserves this honor.

Sincerely, Michelle Kerr

From:

Malia Zimmerman [Malia@Hawaiireporter.com]

Sent:

Tuesday, March 15, 2011 1:54 PM

To:

Sen. Will Espero

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Sen. Sam Slom; PGM Testimony

Subject:

testimony in support of scr 21.

From: Arthur <imua@spamarrest.com> Date: March 15, 2011 1:34:28 PM HST

"Man of Indomitable Spirit"

Please recognize Ronald Reagan as symbolizing America's Indomitable Spirit which we need to perpetuate. He never lost his optimism and willingness to share it with others. He could be known for his "Kokua" in addition to representing the courage of "The Gipper."

Even when his movie career went down he never had a frown. I know from personal associations. It's why General Electric made him their spokesman, even though his film career had waned. He personified "The American Spirit."

One of my staff made him a member of "The Turn Over Club" at an Association for Women in Radio and Television convention where he spoke. This authorized him to look at the back of a china plate when dining out to see if it was made in America. He loved promoting American products and our willpower. Then he became host of "Death Valley Days," America's longest-running radio show, which now was now on television and sponsored by Borox, another American company. (Its originator Ruth Cornwall Woodman was a friend and I went on to write her scripts into books.)

This show on TV made Reagan famous again, he gave up the role after being elected Governor of California, the state where Death Valley is located. That might be the toughest place in the world

to succeed—Ronnie made us believe that there was promise even there!

He was a true-blue American who believed in the essence and resolves of its people. His loyalty appealed to all ages. Believing in education, he loved his little college, Eureka, in Illinois. On screen he personified the strive to succeed with the story of Notre Dame's "Win just one for The Gipper." His personal life and optimism made us all feel good to be recognized as an American—and his grin! Wowie!

Win this Day for Reagan!

I'm Hawaii born, Hawaiian bred and hope you'll put these thoughts into your head.

Imua Gipper!

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TESTIMONY ON SCR21 RELATING TO ESTABLISHING RONALD REAGAN DAY

By Frances Nuar, Policy Analyst at the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii

Grassroot Institute of Hawaii strongly supports honoring the late President Ronald Reagan by declaring February 6, 2011 Ronald Reagan Day. Ronald Reagan's commitment to individual liberty continues to inspire and ought to be commemorated.

The Grassroot Institute of Hawaii is an independent, non-partisan think tank based in Honolulu. The Institute's mission is to achieve a freer and more prosperous Hawaii through the principles of free markets, individual liberty and limited, more accountable government.
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Fwd: Reagan testimony in support of SCR 21

From: "Mike Fox" <mike@foxreport.org>
Date: March 15, 2011 1:31:05 PM HST
To: <PGMTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov>

I am writing in support of the resolution honoring former President Ronald Reagan

Ronald Reagan has impressive leadership skills, a keen sense of right and wrong and decency, and knowledge of the destructive role of the government. He was inspiring even to many who did not vote for him, like those Reagan democrats.

In Eastern Europe even today one will find statues of Reagan, streets, and highways named after him. Eastern Europeans knew personally of the horrific destruction which socialist governments can and did inflict upon their own people.

Michael R. Fox Ph.D Kaneohe

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Sent:

Mike Fox [mike@foxreport.org] Tuesday, March 15, 2011 1:31 PM

To: Subject: PGM Testimony Reagan testimony

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Michael R. Fox Ph.D

From:

Bobbie Slater [bobbie60@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent:

Tuesday, March 15, 2011 1:26 PM

To:

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Subject:

SCR21

Dear Senator Espero,

I would be fitting for Hawaii to declare a Ronald Reagan Day since the president won the state of Hawaii by a considerable margin.

To show an honor to a member of the opposing political persuasion would go far in showing a generosity of spirit. Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha,

Bobbie Slater

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Submitted on: 3/15/2011

Comments:

President Regan was a man of courage, honor, and unfaltering patriotism. Through his bold leadership our country underwent unprecedented economic growth that created untold opportunities for millions of Americans of all colors, races, and creeds. His belief in America and our form of democracy led to the revival of a government for and by the people. Through his resolve, we were victorious in the Cold War with our Iron Curtain adversaries projecting a world peace at the time through our strength. He is truely a man to be honored by our state as perhaps the finest Presidential leader our country has known. Robert Alan May CPL

From: Sent:

Harvey Gerwig [hghawaii@gmail.com] Tuesday, March 15, 2011 1:04 PM

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Subject:

PGM Testimony STRONG SUPPORT FOR SCR21

Dear Senator Espero: please accept my STRONG SUPPORT for Senator Slom's SCR 21.

Harvey Gerwig , President HAWAII RIFLE ASSOCIATION

From:

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Subject:

RONALD REAGAN DAY

Aloha Senator Espero,

I am in full support of a Ronald Reagan Day in Hawaii. President Reagan was a man of character, integrity and Faith. He was a true Patriot.

Drew Santos, President



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Comments:

President Reagan was able to craft a broad coalition of support around the fundamental principles of smaller government, a confident foreign policy, and an optimistic faith in American individualism. Today's leaders would be wise to follow in Ronald Reagan's footsteps by uniting around Reagan's core principles.

From:

Hanni Hartmann [hhartmann@paragonmetals.biz] Tuesday, March 15, 2011 1:38 PM

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I support this resolution and request a YES vote

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