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House Joint Resolution 26 (Delegate Valderrama)

Commerce and Government Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs

Filipino World War II Veterans

This joint resolution urges the U.S. Congress to pass the Filipino Veterans Equity Act and urges President Bush to take a more active role in calling for passage of the act.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Compliance with this joint resolution would not directly affect government finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Background: According to the American Coalition for Filipino Veterans, the Filipino Veterans Equity Act would amend Section 107, Title 38 of the U.S Code which excluded Filipino American and Filipino Veterans who served the United States in World War II from receiving benefits that were given to French, Italian, German, and allied veterans who served the United States during the conflict. The Filipino Veterans Equity Act would provide a monthly permanent disability pension of \$775, medical coverage, and burial benefits for nonservice-connected disability and health conditions. Approximately 12,000 surviving Filipino American veterans and 35,000 surviving Filipino veterans of the 140,000 Filipinos called into service would benefit from the Filipino Veterans Equity Act.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: A similar joint resolution was introduced as HJ 10 during the 1998 session. The resolution received an unfavorable report from the Commerce and Government Matters Committee.

Cross File: None.

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