

HONORING THE 111TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
INDEPENDENCE OF THE PHILIPPINES

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BEFORE THE

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THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT

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**HONORING THE 111TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
INDEPENDENCE OF THE PHILIPPINES**

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**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2009**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON ASIA, THE PACIFIC  
AND THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT,  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, DC.*

The subcommittee met, pursuant to notice, at 2:07 p.m., in room 2172, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Eni F.H. Faleomavaega (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. The subcommittee will come to order.

Pursuant to notice, I now call up House Concurrent Resolution 153.

Without objection, the amendment in the nature of a substitute before the members will be considered as the base text.

[The information referred to follows:]

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 153

Honoring the 111th anniversary of the independence of the Philippines.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 12, 2009

Ms. RICHARDSON submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring the 111th anniversary of the independence of the Philippines.

- 1       *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That Congress—
- 3           (1) recognizes the historic significance of the  
4           111th anniversary of the sovereign and independent  
5           country of the Philippines on June 12, 1898;
- 6           (2) reaffirms the bonds of friendship and co-  
7           operation which have existed between the United  
8           States and the Philippines and commits to strength-  
9           ening those bonds;
- 10          (3) commends the people of the Philippines for  
11          enduring through struggle and hardship;

1           (4) reaffirms its support for the Philippines to  
2 defend its internal security from terrorism;

3           (5) reaffirms its enduring support for the Phil-  
4 ippines;

5           (6) supports increased public awareness of the  
6 events surrounding the Philippine Declaration of  
7 Independence, and the vibrant and beautiful culture  
8 of the Philippines;

9           (7) recognizes the courage and bravery of the  
10 Filipino and Filipino American servicemen and serv-  
11 icewomen who have fought alongside and in the  
12 United States Armed Forces; and

13           (8) supports the continuing development of the  
14 Filipino American community as a integral part of  
15 America's cultural fabric.

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.CON.RES. 153  
OFFERED BY MS. RICHARDSON OF CALIFORNIA**

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

That Congress—

- 1           (1) recognizes the historic significance of the
- 2           111th anniversary of the act of declaration of Phil-
- 3           ippine independence on June 12, 1898;
- 4           (2) reaffirms the bonds of friendship and co-
- 5           operation which have existed between the United
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6 United States Armed Forces; and

7 (8) supports the continuing development of the  
8 Filipino American community as a integral part of  
9 America's cultural fabric.

Amend the title so as to read: "A resolution hon-  
oring the 111th anniversary of the act of declaration of  
Philippine independence on June 12, 1898."



Mr. FALCOMA. For purposes of amendment, it will be con-  
sidered as read. It will be open for amendment at any point.

I recognize myself for 5 minutes to explain the amendment in the  
nature of a substitute.

This amendment makes a technical correction to House Concur-  
rent Resolution 153, sponsored by my good friend, the gentlelady  
from California, Ms. Richardson, which recognizes the historic sig-  
nificance of the Philippines Declaration of Independence of 1898.  
The Declaration was signed by 98 persons, including one American.

Though independence was short-lived—since under the Treaty of  
Paris of December 1898 Spain ceded the Philippines to the United  
States—the Philippines still marks its move to sovereign status  
based on its 1898 Declaration of Independence.

While from the start, the United States acknowledged Philippine  
aspirations for independence, it was not until 1916 when the U.S.  
stated its intent to grant Philippine independence once a stable  
government was established. Unfortunately, the process took  
longer than expected. And with World War II, it was not until 1946  
that the Philippines reemerged as a sovereign state.

But over the past 111 years, the Philippines has become one of  
America's closest friends and allies, and the bilateral relationship  
is one of our most important.

Today, the Philippine-American community is the second-largest  
Asian community in the United States. Two years ago, the U.S.

Census Bureau reported that there were approximately 3.1 million Filipino Americans in this country. I think all of us appreciate the enormous contributions made by the Filipino American community to the United States.

So we honor Filipino Americans, the people of the Philippines, and the U.S.-Philippines relationship with this resolution. I urge all of my colleagues to support this legislation.

And now I turn to the ranking member to express his views on this legislation.

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Chairman, I agree entirely with what you stated. I adopt your remarks as mine.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. The gentleman from California?

Mr. SHERMAN. I support the resolution.

It is my understanding that this is designed to applaud our friends in the Philippines and to commemorate the close relationship we currently have with the Philippines.

There is nothing in this resolution that is designed to allow anyone to argue that any action taken by the U.S. Governor of the Philippines from 1898 through 1948 is somehow invalid or to have any legal effect on landownership or contracts. This is a resolution of friendship and history, not designed to have any legal effect in any court.

And I hope the chairman agrees with that interpretation.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. I thank the gentleman for his comments.

Are there any other comments on the amendment?

I thank the gentlemen.

The question occurs on the amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended.

All in favor will say, "Aye."

Opposed, say, "No."

The ayes have it, and the amendment is agreed to.

Without objection, I move the favorable recommendation of House Concurrent Resolution 153, as amended, to the House. The question occurs on the motion by the gentleman to report House Concurrent Resolution 153, as amended, to the House.

All in favor, say, "Aye."

All opposed, say, "No."

The ayes have it. The motion is adopted.

Without objection, the bill will be reported as a single amendment in the nature of a substitute incorporating any amendments adopted by the committee. Staff is directed to make any technical and conforming amendments.

[Whereupon, at 2:15 p.m., the subcommittee was adjourned.]

# A P P E N D I X



MATERIAL SUBMITTED FOR THE HEARING RECORD

**SUBCOMMITTEE MARKUP AND MEETING NOTICE  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

*U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515*

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON ASIA, THE PACIFIC AND THE GLOBAL  
ENVIRONMENT**

**Eni F. H. Faleomavaega (D-AS), Chairman**

October 7, 2009

**TO: MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

You are respectfully requested to attend an OPEN markup of the Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment, to be held in Room 2172 of the Rayburn House Office Building, for the purpose of marking up the following legislation:

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 14, 2009

**TIME:** 2:00 p.m.

**MARKUP OF:** H. Con. Res. 153, Honoring the 111th anniversary of the independence of the Philippines

**By Direction of the Chairman**

*The Committee on Foreign Affairs seeks to make its facilities accessible to persons with disabilities. If you are in need of special accommodations, please call 202/225-5021 at least four business days in advance of the event, whenever practicable. Questions with regard to special accommodations in general (including availability of Committee materials in alternative formats and assistive listening devices) may be directed to the Committee as noted above.*

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### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

#### MINUTES OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON Asia, the Pacific and the Global Envr MEETING

Day Wednesday Date 10/14/09 Room 2172 RHOB

Starting Time 2:06 p.m. Ending Time 2:11 p.m.

Recesses  ( \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ )

Presiding Member(s) Chairman Eni F.H. Faleomavaega

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*Markup: House Concurrent Resolution 153, honoring the 111th anniversary of the independence of the Philippines.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

*Ranking Member Manzullo, Rep. Sherman, Rep. Royce*

**NON-SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: (Mark with an \* if they are not Members of HIRC.)**

HEARING WITNESSES: Same as meeting notice attached? Yes  No   
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**STATEMENTS FOR THE RECORD: (List any statements submitted for the record.)**

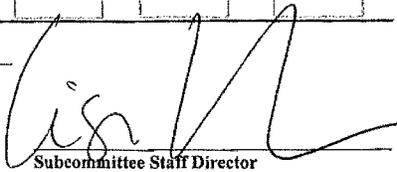
**ACTIONS TAKEN DURING THE MARKUP: (Attach copies of legislation and amendments.)**

*An amendment in the nature of a substitute was offered by Mr. Faleomavaega. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote. H. Con. Res. 153, as amended, was favorably reported to the House, by voice vote.*

**RECORDED VOTES TAKEN (FOR MARKUP): (Attach final vote tally sheet listing each member.)**

Subject	Yeas	Nays	Present	Not Voting

TIME SCHEDULED TO RECONVENE \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
TIME ADJOURNED 2:11 p.m.

  
Subcommittee Staff Director