

HR 9001

2008

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating April 9, 2008, as "Filipino-
3 American Friendship Day" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, forced to take their last stand on the Bataan
6 Peninsula and the island of Corregidor in the Philippines during
7 World War II, more than 80,000 joint Filipino-American forces
8 resisted the Japanese as effectively as circumstances would
9 allow and, for as long as humanly possible, delayed Japan's
10 advances throughout the Pacific, and

11 WHEREAS, outgunned, ill-fed, half-sick, and worn thin,
12 these forces successfully fought the Japanese to a standstill
13 until Bataan fell on April 9, 1942, and

14 WHEREAS, the battles at Bataan and Corregidor are credited
15 with having upset the 1941-1942 timetable of the Japanese
16 conquest of the Philippines by about four months, and

17 WHEREAS, the prolonged defense of Bataan and Corregidor
18 saved Australia and contributed to the Americans' ultimate
19 victory, and

20 WHEREAS, Bataan and Corregidor have been immortalized and
21 recognized as bastions of democracy, earning respect and
22 admiration for Americans and Filipinos worldwide, NOW,

23 THEREFORE,

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25 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
26 Florida:

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28 That April 9, 2008, is designated as "Filipino-American

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