

## **Resolution On Deported Military Veterans**

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### STATEMENT FROM DAVID GESPASS IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION ON DEPORTED VETERANS

I support the resolution for the reasons stated in the “whereas” clauses. I would add that I worked for the NLG’s Military Law Office in Japan in 1973-74. I met many enlisted members of the US armed forces, virtually all of whom had little choice but to enlist for economic or legal reasons. These pressures are significantly greater for non-citizens, whose options are substantially more limited than those of citizens. The consequences of their being deported would likely be catastrophic and treating them in that way would be yet another stain on this country’s already soiled reputation.

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