



Office of Representative Lynn Finnegan

Cagayan Valley Association of Hawai'i Installation Banquet Saturday, October 20, 2007

I would like to extend a warm aloha and mabuhay to all who are gathered tonight in support of the Cagayan Valley Association of Hawaii's Installation Banquet.

We have a proud history here in Hawaii and organizations like the Cagayan Valley Association of Hawaii perpetuate our Filipino culture and honor those who have invested time and effort to build the well respected Filipino community we have in Hawaii today.

I am the proud daughter of Mr. Douglas MacArthur Quejas Berbano who was born and grew up in Aparri Cagayan. I have a special place in my heart for this mission to bring a more collaborative and mutually beneficial relationship to the people of Cagayan and Hawaii. I hope that you will be a part of this intentional effort to create a closer, more meaningful connection with Cagayan and its people. I also hope that you will be able to join us for the trip to Cagayan planned for May 2008.

The State-Province relationships existing between the State of Hawaii and other Philippine provinces have strengthened the ties within our Filipino communities. I look forward to being an active participant in this long-term commitment to both Cagayan and Hawaii.

Congratulations to the officers installed at tonight's event and best wishes for all future endeavors. I look forward to working with you.

Mahalo and Maraming Salamat Po,

Lynn Finnegan
Minority Leader, 32nd House District