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Governor Abercrombie, Madame Li Xiaolin Honor Flying Tiger Lt. Glen Beneda

Honolulu, HI—Nearly 200 gathered today, sharing memories of “The Flying Tigers” of WWII who did so much to help the Chinese people during the war with Japan. The event took place at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor in Hangar 79 in front of the Museum’s “Flying Tigers” exhibit.

Governor Neil Abercrombie talked of the service Hawaii’s Chinese gave, and Madame Li Xiaolin, president of the Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries spoke and presented her new documentary, *Touching the Tigers*.

Touching the Tigers, a 40-minute documentary, is the story of American Flying Tigers pilot Lt. Glen Beneda, who was shot down in his fighter and wounded while defending China from Japanese forces during World War II on his 81st mission with the 14th Air Force. Beneda was rescued by Chinese farmers and soldiers and escorted to a U.S. air base where he received aid and an unforgettable attachment to the Chinese people. **Mr. Beneda’s wife Mrs. Elinor Beneda and two sons Edward and Henry Beneda were in attendance at the Museum event, and honored.**

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The China Children's Choir of Beijing performed. A traditional lion dance and a pupu reception ended the festivities.

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