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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

AWARDING THE HAWAII MEDAL OF HONOR TO UNITED STATES MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS WITH HAWAII CONNECTIONS KILLED IN ACTION WHILE SERVING IN DANGEROUS, VOLATILE, AND UNSTABLE AREAS OF THE WORLD, INCLUDING IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN.

1           WHEREAS, in times of threats to our nation's security, the  
2 United States armed forces stand ready to defend and protect our  
3 nation; and

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5           WHEREAS, the United States armed forces also protect the  
6 lives and freedoms of individuals from other nations who cannot  
7 fight for themselves; and

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9           WHEREAS, known for its highly skilled military personnel,  
10 unwavering patriotism, and undiminishing compassion for others,  
11 the United States armed forces bravely answered the call to  
12 fight for the citizens of Iraq and Afghanistan; and

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14           WHEREAS, as a central location of armed forces training and  
15 preparation, the State of Hawaii sent many of its own National  
16 Guard and Military Reserves service members and United States  
17 Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy service members to  
18 protect Iraqi and Afghan citizens; and

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20           WHEREAS, in the course of active and unpredictable military  
21 duty, members of the military often become engaged in dangerous  
22 situations, endangering their own lives as they act to protect  
23 innocent civilians; and

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25           WHEREAS, many airmen, airwomen, soldiers, marines, and  
26 sailors with ties to Hawaii were called to serve in some of the  
27 most dangerous areas of Iraq and Afghanistan and came into  
28 contact with opposing forces on a daily basis; and



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1           WHEREAS, it was with utmost bravery that many heroes with  
2 ties to Hawaii were killed in action, sacrificing their lives to  
3 protect the lives of American and foreign citizens; and

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5           WHEREAS, the Hawaii Medal of Honor may be awarded to  
6 individuals who have been killed in action, while:

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8           • Engaged in:

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10           - An action against an enemy of the United States; or  
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12           - Military operations involving conflict with an  
13           opposing foreign force;

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17           • Serving:

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19           - With friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed  
20           conflict against an opposing armed force in which the  
21           United States is not a belligerent party; or  
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23           - In a combat zone as designated by presidential order;

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27           WHEREAS, to be a recipient of the Hawaii Medal of Honor, at  
28 the time the armed forces member was killed in action, the  
29 recipient must also have been a member of:

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31           • The Hawaii National Guard, the United States Military  
32           Reserves, or the Regular United States Armed Forces, who  
33           was:

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35           - A legal resident of the State of Hawaii; or  
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37           - An attendee of a school in Hawaii at some time during  
38           the life of the member;

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- 1           • The Regular United States Armed Forces, who was:  
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3           - A legal resident of the State of Hawaii; or  
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5           - Stationed in Hawaii by a proper order of the United  
6           States Department of Defense;

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10           WHEREAS, the people of the State of Hawaii are enormously  
11 grateful for the service provided by these brave men and women  
12 and are greatly saddened by the loss of each armed forces member  
13 and stand by the surviving family members in support and with  
14 aloha; and  
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16           WHEREAS, the service members will be forever remembered for  
17 their ultimate act of bravery as heroes who sacrificed their  
18 lives so others could be free; now, therefore,  
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20           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
21 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
22 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature,  
23 pursuant to Section 5-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, awards, on  
24 behalf of the people of Hawaii, the Hawaii Medal of Honor to:  
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- 26           • United States Air Force Airman First Class Carl Jerome  
27           Ware, Jr.;
- 28           • United States Navy Lieutenant Commander Morgan C. Tulang;
- 29           • United States Army Sergeant Forrest D. Cauthorn;
- 30           • United States Army Private First Class Jay S. Cajimat;
- 31           • United States Marine Corps Major Douglas A. Zembiec;
- 32           • United States Army Corporal Casey P. Zylman;
- 33           • United States Army First Lieutenant Keith N. Heidtman;
- 34           • United States Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Theodore U.  
35           Church;
- 36           • United States Army Sergeant Richard V. Correa;
- 37           • United States Air Force Senior Airman William N. Newman;
- 38           • United States Army Specialist Farid Elazzouzi;
- 39           • United States Army Sergeant Derek T. Roberts;
- 40           • United States Army Specialist Val J. Borm;
- 41           • United States Army First Lieutenant Frank B. Walkup IV;



- 1 • United States Army Sergeant Michael J. Montpetit;  
2 • United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Robert A. Lynch;  
3 • United States Army Specialist Tyler R. Seideman;  
4 • United States Army Specialist Jessie G. Pollard;  
5 • United States Army Specialist Michael A. Hook;  
6 • United States Army Corporal Nathan C. Hubbard;  
7 • United States Army Corporal Joshua S. Harmon;  
8 • United States Army Corporal Phillip J. Brodnick;  
9 • United States Army Corporal Jeremy P. Bouffard;  
10 • United States Army Sergeant Garrett I. McLead;  
11 • United States Army Staff Sergeant Jason L. Paton;  
12 • United States Army Captain Derek A. Dobogai;  
13 • United States Army Sergeant Alexander U. Gagalac;  
14 • United States Navy Hospital Corpsman Third Class Mark R.  
15 Cannon;  
16 • United States Army Private First Class Casey P. Mason;  
17 • United States Navy Mass Communications Specialist First  
18 Class Victor W. Jeffries; and  
19 • United States Army Specialist Jon M. Schoolcraft III,

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21 and honors and remembers the sacrifice of these armed forces  
22 heroes with ties to Hawaii who fought and died bravely for the  
23 United States of America, and sends its heartfelt appreciation  
24 and sympathy to surviving family members; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the names of these recipients  
27 be entered on the Hawaii Medal of Honor Roll; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the two houses of the  
30 Legislature assemble in Joint Session in the Chambers of the  
31 House of Representatives at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25,  
32 2008, for the purpose of presenting the Hawaii Medal of Honor to  
33 the family or representative of the recipients.  
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