

## THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY

**Tuesday, March 25, 2008**

The House of Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, convened at 12:08 o'clock p.m., with the Speaker presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Pastor Rhys Kia'aina of Oahu Church of Christ, after which the Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Har, Meyer, Morita, Nakasone, Takamine and Tokioka, who were excused.

By unanimous consent, reading and approval of the Journal of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Seventh Day was deferred.

## INTRODUCTIONS

The following introductions were made to the members of the House:

Representative Takai introduced members of the U.S. Pacific Command Joint Service Color Guard participating in the Hawaii Medal of Honor Ceremony:

Staff Sergeant Moreno,  
Petty Officer Lamber,  
Sergeant Silovich,  
Petty Officer Webber,  
Sergeant Sorrells,  
Corporal Barton,  
Sergeant Ashley,  
Petty Officer Smith, and  
Sergeant Harding.

Representative Pine introduced her husband, Navy Lieutenant Brian Ryglowski.

Representative Caldwell introduced Ms. Debbie Goodwin, Director of Advancement for the. Keck Observatory. She was accompanied by Mrs. Nike and Mr. David Speltz of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, who are observatory supporters.

## ORDER OF THE DAY

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Representatives Herkes and Green, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce and the Committee on Health presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1376-08), recommending that H.C.R. No. 15, as amended in HD 1, be referred to the Committee on Legislative Management.

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and H.C.R. No. 15, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF REQUIRING HEALTH INSURERS TO OFFER COVERAGE FOR HEARING AIDS," was referred to the Committee on Legislative Management with Representatives Har, Morita, Nakasone, Takamine and Tokioka being excused.

Representative Shimabukuro, for the Committee on Human Services & Housing presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1377-08), recommending that H.C.R. No. 174, as amended in HD 1, be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 174, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING NA KUPUNA O

WAIANAE TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN CHILDREN IN CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDINGS," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary with Representatives Har, Morita, Nakasone, Takamine and Tokioka being excused.

Representative Sonson, for the Committee on Labor & Public Employment presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1378-08), recommending that H.R. No. 67, as amended in HD 1, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.R. No. 67, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES STUDY AND EVALUATE ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF UPGRADING THE STATE'S PAYROLL AND PERSONNEL SYSTEMS," was referred to the Committee on Finance with Representatives Har, Morita, Nakasone, Takamine and Tokioka being excused.

Representative Sonson, for the Committee on Labor & Public Employment presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1379-08), recommending that H.C.R. No. 83, as amended in HD 1, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 83, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES STUDY AND EVALUATE ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF UPGRADING THE STATE'S PAYROLL AND PERSONNEL SYSTEMS," was referred to the Committee on Finance with Representatives Har, Morita, Nakasone, Takamine and Tokioka being excused.

Representative Sonson, for the Committee on Labor & Public Employment presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1380-08) recommending that H.R. No. 133, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.R. No. 133, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FOURTH TUESDAY IN APRIL AS EQUAL PAY DAY IN HAWAII, AND URGING CONGRESS TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE MORE EFFECTIVE REMEDIES FOR VICTIMS OF WAGE DISCRIMINATION BASED ON GENDER," was adopted, with Representatives Har, Morita, Nakasone, Takamine and Tokioka being excused.

Representative Sonson, for the Committee on Labor & Public Employment presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1381-08) recommending that H.C.R. No. 160, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 160, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FOURTH TUESDAY IN APRIL AS EQUAL PAY DAY IN HAWAII, AND URGING CONGRESS TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE MORE EFFECTIVE REMEDIES FOR VICTIMS OF WAGE DISCRIMINATION BASED ON GENDER," was adopted, with Representatives Har, Morita, Nakasone, Takamine and Tokioka being excused.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Chong: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to make an announcement. On Thursday, March 27 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

the Clerk's Office will be having a Taste of the Clerk's Office. There will be hot dogs, soups, salads, cookies, pies by the slice and an assortment of delectable treats. All proceeds to benefit the Hawaii Foodbank.

"Also they will be having a silent auction of various hats made by the staff. I'm told that whoever buys these and wears these in this election is bound to win. So I'm told. I would just like to remind everybody of this event. Thank you."

Representative Ching: "Thank you. Tomorrow is Prince Kuhio Day. I just want to announce that it is Prince Kuhio Day and we're off tomorrow in memory of Prince Kuhio."

"I wanted to share a little bit. Prince Kuhio was Ke Alii Mākaʻāinana, known as Prince of the People or the Citizen Prince. And I'm sure as the Representative of Lanai and others of the Caucus who put on a beautiful Hawaiian Caucus Day know, he was responsible for the 1920 Hawaiian Lands Homelands Act. And he was also the one who resisted and tried to preserve things for his people."

"So when we enjoy tomorrow which is in honor of Prince Kuhio Kalanianaʻole, brother of Kawanānākoa, I just wanted to remind everybody why we have this holiday. It is in honor of Prince Jonah Kuhio. Thank you."

Representative Lee: "Mr. Speaker, I just want to remind the members of Finance that we will be working tomorrow beginning at 10:00. Thank you."

At 12:19 o'clock p.m., the Chair declared a recess and the House of Representatives stood in recess, subject to the call of the Chair, and in accordance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 61, met in Joint Session with the Senate, for the Hawaii Medal of Honor Ceremony.

### JOINT SESSION

The Joint Session of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Twenty-Fourth Legislature was called to order at 1:59 o'clock p.m. by the Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Speaker addressed the Chamber, stating:

"The Joint Session called pursuant to a Concurrent Resolution adopted by the members of the House and the members of the Senate is called to order."

"This is indeed a momentous occasion. We honor members of the Armed Forces of the United States, with ties to Hawaii, who fought and died bravely, in a combat zone designated by Presidential Order."

"On behalf of the Senate President and all the Members of the Hawaii State Legislature, I convey our deepest condolences to our very special guests – the family, friends and colleagues of loved ones, who have lost their lives overseas in the Middle East. Our prayers are with you, and we are honored by your presence here today."

"Please rise for the posting of colors by the Joint Service Color Guard and the Hawaii Air National Guard, Royal Guard, and remain standing for the singing of the National Anthem and Hawaii Pono'i by, United States Air Force Staff Sergeant Richard Vasquez, which will be followed by the invocation by Ms. Mahealani Wong and Lanakila of Na Wa'a Lalani Kahuna 'O Pu'u Kohola."

"Joint Service Color Guard and Royal Guard, please present the colors."

The members of the House, guests, and audience rose for the presentation of our Nation's and our State's Colors by the Joint

Service Color Guard and the Hawaii Air National Guard, Royal Guard. The singing of the National Anthem and *Hawaii Pono'i* was led by United States Air Force Staff Sergeant Richard Vasquez, thereafter the invocation was delivered by Ms. Mahealani Wong and Ms. Lanakila Tuggle of Na Wa'a Lalani Kahuna 'O Pu'u Kohola."

The Speaker then addressed the Members, guests and audience as follows:

"Mahalo Joint Service Color Guard, Royal Guard, Staff Sergeant Vasquez and Ms. Wong. Your participation in today's ceremony is greatly appreciated."

"Honor. Loyalty. Duty. Courage. Simple words to most of us. But these words have gained greater meaning over the last several years to describe the qualities of a rare group of combatants, who are willing to face unimaginable challenges and perform the most difficult of wartime tasks. Combatants who, without hesitation, stand in harm's way to protect a nation, so that its people can live under the warmth of the blanket we all know as freedom."

"Throughout our history, Americans have always shown an unwavering resolve, especially in the wake of crisis and great personal tragedy. The loss of a loved one is always painful, but it is especially horrific when it happens on a battlefield, thousands of miles from home."

"Here, once again, we must call upon our inner strength to accept that our sons, our daughters, our mothers, our fathers, and our valued friends sacrificed their lives to allow the rest of us to live with freedom as our constant companion as we traverse though life."

"There is famous saying, "No greater love has a man, than to lay down his life for his friends." I'd like to take that a step further and say, "No greater love has a man, than to lay down his life for those he does not know."

"This year marks the third year since the Hawaii Medal of Honor was first presented. It is hoped that the Medal will convey our deepest appreciation to the military personnel, who made the ultimate sacrifice for our State and our nation."

"A sacrifice leaves an immeasurable void that a medal, admittedly, does not fill. We should not feel hollow from our loss. Rather, we should fill that emptiness with the knowledge that their courage has gifted us with a promise for a better and richer tomorrow."

"We must honor those brave men and women by carrying on as best as we can. We should exercise freedom whenever opportunity exists. Take personal pride in community and country. Speak the truth. And make choices that are reflective of strength of character and integrity. We have an obligation to meet the challenges of the 21st century, no matter how daunting the tasks may be."

"These are our duties. Duties that are not just empty words or promises. These duties will present adversity and require our perseverance. We must move forward, as they marched on for us. Live life to its fullest, to honor a life cut short by a conflict on a distant battle ground. Live honorably, so that these gallant men and women may not have died in vain. We all owe them this."

At this time, the Speaker of the House introduced the following dignitaries seated on the floor of the House:

The Honorable Linda Lingle, Governor of the State of Hawaii;

The Honorable James R. Aiona, Jr., Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawaii;

Major General Robert G.F. Lee, the Adjutant General, Hawaii Department of Defense;

The Honorable Mazie K. Hirono, United States House of Representatives;

Colonel Retired Walter Kaneakua, representing the Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, United States Senator;

Mr. Kekoa Kaluhiwa, representing the Honorable Daniel K. Akaka, United States Senator;

Mr. Lloyd Nekoba, representing the Honorable Neil Abercrombie, United States House of Representatives;

Admiral Timothy Keating, Commander, United States Pacific Command, and Mrs. Wandalee Keating;

Lieutenant General Benjamin Mixon, Commanding General, United States Army Pacific, and Mrs. Rhonda Mixon;

Major General Vern Miyagi, Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, United States Pacific Command;

Major General Dana Atkins, representing the Pacific Air Forces;

Brigadier General Gary Ishikawa, Deputy Adjutant General, Hawaii Department of Defense;

Rear Admiral Townsend G. "Tim" Alexander, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, and Mrs. Kathleen Alexander;

Brigadier General Robert Brown, Acting Commander, United States Army 25th Infantry Division;

Mrs. Holly Bednarek, wife of Brigadier General J. Michael Bednarek, 25th Infantry Division Headquarters;

Lieutenant Colonel Steve Liszewski, representing United States Marine Corps and Marine Forces Pacific; and

Captain John J. Hickey, representing United States Coast Guard and the Fourteenth Coast Guard District.

The Speaker called upon the Honorable Linda Lingle to deliver her remarks as follows:

"Good afternoon and Aloha. Lt. Governor Aiona, Madame President, Mr. Speaker, all of the Legislators, Admiral Keating and all of our special guests, especially the family and friends of those we've come to honor. I'm filled today with both sadness and gratitude. Sadness for the loss of life. Grateful for the sacrifices that these individuals made; these very special people and what they gave to the rest of us.

"Last August, I attended a memorial service for the ten Schofield soldiers lost in a helicopter crash in Iraq. These ten brave men are among the 31 we honor today. At that time the service was full of very powerful emotions, profound grief and tremendous pain because of the loss. But there was also an incredible sense of pride and a sense of reverence for their sacrifice. And I know those same feelings are running through this Chamber today and through all of us.

"I want to focus today on honoring these 31 brave Americans. And I want to speak directly to the family and friends of these 31 patriots. First of all, on behalf of the people of Hawaii, I want you to know how thankful we are that you made the effort to be here with us today. Some of you came from around this Island of Oahu. Some of you came from the Neighbor Islands. And some of you came from locations very far away. But we are glad you could be here with us today for this tribute. Because sincerely, the people of Hawaii are so sorry for your loss.

"Today we honor the service and sacrifice of your loved ones who were defending democracy, and they were defending our way of life. Not just defending our country as a physical place, but our country as an ideal that people the world over just wish they could be a part of. We are fighting for the freedom of other people. People that we didn't even know, as the Speaker said, and there's nothing more noble than anyone can do than that. Our nation was created and continues to be strengthened because of remarkable individuals like these 31 who were willing to sacrifice for the rest of us.

"For those of you not from Hawaii, you may not know the very special place that the military plays in our lives here in Hawaii. Hawaii was so proud of your loved ones because for a short while perhaps, they were a part of our *ohana* here in Hawaii. Our family. Soldiers, Marines, Airmen, Sailors and Coastguardsmen are stationed here in Hawaii, they become a part of us and we embrace them as our own. And that's why it's so important for us to have you here to honor your loved ones with this State Medal of Honor. It is a small token of an enormous debt of gratitude that we know we can never repay. Like all of America's fallen heroes, these 31 are not truly gone.

"As poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote, "They are dead; but they live in each Patriot's breast, And their names are engraven on honor's bright crest." Mahalo and God Bless all of you and God Bless America."

The Speaker then called upon Major General Robert Lee to deliver his remarks on behalf of the military as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon and Aloha. This war we are engaged in falls heavy upon all classes of people. But it falls most heavily upon the soldier. For it has been said, all that a man has, he will give his life. And while all contribute of their substance, a soldier puts his life at stake and often uses it for his country's cause. The highest merit then is due to the soldier. These words in a speech by President Abraham Lincoln 144 years ago this week and some five thousand miles away resonate through time and distance and have great meaning for us here today.

"The highest merit is indeed due to the soldiers which include the Marine, the Sailor, the Airman and Coastguardsman who puts his or her life on the line in service to our country. Thousands of Hawaii's sons and daughters have answered our nation's call in the war against terrorism. And as in previous generations they have endured the deprivations that only those who wear the uniform can understand. Extreme desert heat, the freezing mountain cold, the dust, the sweat, the monotony often followed by jolting adrenalin. But most of all the sacrifice of time away from families who will lament in missed birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and thousands of other daily events that could have been. From among those thousand who have answered the call, are 31 members of the United States Army, Marine Corp, Navy and Air Force with ties to Hawaii who have paid the ultimate price this past year.

"It's often said that soldiers fight, not for some high ideal or political objective, but for their buddies. Those who we honor today have clearly done so for an ideal enshrined in our Constitution. It is an ideal each swore to support and defend. It is an ideal to which each promised to be of true faith and allegiance. And it is an ideal that each thought worthy of defending. While they more than fulfilled their obligations that they owed to us, our only obligation today and everyday is to honor them.

"The State Medal of Honor is Hawaii's way to remember the ultimate sacrifice and to show our appreciation to their families and friends. We share their loss and to assure them they will always be a part of this State's *ohana*. The *kalo*, or taro leaves in the medal, is emblematic of the embrace of the people of Hawaii. Whether a fallen Soldier, Marine, Sailor or Airman grew up in Hawaii or were members of units based in Hawaii, they are still embraced as part of our *ohana*.

"Following American tradition, in past wars, a gold star was often displayed to let the neighborhood know that the life of a hero who had grown up there had been lost. Today the gold star in the medal coat of arms represents the 50th State on the American Flag, and also represents the person who is being honored today.

"The attachment device in the red and yellow ribbon is a rendering of the ancient *puela*, or flag, that the Hawaiians raised at sea above the sail of their canoes. All who saw the *puela* from afar knew that a person of the highest rank or honor was coming. Today this service ribbon and the *puela* will remind us that these families and friends are of the highest rank and honor.

"There is no greater sacrifice a family can make than the loss of their Soldier, Sailor, Marine, Airman or Coastguardsman while in service to our nation. And there is no greater honor the people of Hawaii can bestow upon them to symbolize the sacrifice. So to the families and friends of the fallen heroes, I humbly ask that you accept this Hawaii Medal of Honor on behalf of the people of Hawaii who today and forever shall be your devoted *ohana*. Mahalo and may God Bless all of you. And may God continue to bless the United States of America."

At this time, the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate presented the Hawaii Medal of Honor. The Clerk of the House of Representatives announced the names of the Hawaii Medal of Honor recipients, which was followed by the ringing of the memorial bell.

United States Navy Lieutenant Commander Morgan C. Tulang. Lieutenant Commander Tulang was 36. He was from Hilo, Hawaii and served with the US Central Command Deployment Distribution Operations Center in Kuwait City, Kuwait. Here to receive his medal are his parents, Mike and Julie Tulang of Hilo.

United States Army Sergeant Forrest D. Cauthorn. Sergeant Cauthorn was 22. He was from Midlothian, Virginia and served with the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks. Here to receive his medal is his friend, Staff Sergeant Christopher J. Pearce.

United States Army Private First Class Jay S. Cajimat. Private First Class Cajimat was 20. He was from Lahaina, Maui and served with the 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division from Fort Riley, Kansas. Here to receive his medal is his father, Dionie Cajimat.

United States Army Corporal Casey P. Zylman. Corporal Zylman was 22. He was from Coleman, Michigan and served with the 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks. Here to receive his medal are his friends, Sergeant First Class Jason Maki and Staff Sergeant Joshua Martin.

United States Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Theodore U. Church. Chief Warrant Officer Church was 32. He was from South Point, Ohio and served with the 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks. Here to receive his medal is his wife, Mindi Church, and his friend, Scott Brendel.

United States Army Sergeant Richard V. Correa. Sergeant Correa was 25. He was from Honolulu, Hawaii and served with the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division from Fort Drum, New York. Here to receive his medal are his sister, Marietta Correa Acosta Myhre, and his brother-in-law, Kevin Myhre.

United States Air Force Senior Airman William N. Newman.

Senior Airman Newman was 23. He was from Kingston Springs, Tennessee and served with the 15th Civil Engineer Squadron from Hickam Air Force Base. Here to receive his medal is his wife, Soyong Newman.

United States Army Sergeant Derek T. Roberts. Sergeant Roberts was 24. He was from Gold River, California and served with the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks. Here to receive his medal are his mother, Willy Roberts and brother, Trevor Roberts.

United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Robert A. Lynch. Lance Corporal Lynch was 20. He was from Louisville, Kentucky and served with the 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force from Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Here to receive his medal is his mother, Angela Robinson.

United States Army Specialist Tyler R. Seideman. Specialist Seideman was 20. He was from Lincoln, Arkansas and served with the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks. Here to receive his medal is his mother, Lee Ann Seideman.

United States Army Corporal Nathan C. Hubbard. Corporal Hubbard was 21. He was from Clovis, California and served with the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks. Here to receive his medal are his parents, Jeff and Peggy Hubbard.

United States Army Corporal Joshua S. Harmon. Corporal Harmon was 20. He was from Mentor, Ohio and served with the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks. Here to receive his medal is his wife, Kristin Harmon.

United States Army Corporal Phillip J. Brodnick. Corporal Brodnick was 25. He was from New Lenox, Illinois and served with the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks. Here to receive his medal are his mother, Marian Stockhausen, and his sister, Lisa Brodnick.

United States Army Sergeant Garrett I. McLead. Sergeant McLead was 23. He was from Rockport, Texas and served with the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks. Here to receive his medal are his parents, Patrick and Patti McLead.

United States Army Staff Sergeant Jason L. Paton. Staff Sergeant Paton was 25. He was from Poway, California and served with the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks. Here to receive his medal are his mother, Kim Bilbrey, and stepfather, Jim Valenzuela.

United States Army Captain Derek A. Dobogai. Captain Dobogai was 26. He was from Fond du Lac, Wisconsin and served with the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks. Here to receive his medal are his friends, Captain Ron Jillard and Captain Mike McCave.

United States Army Sergeant Alexander U. Galagalac. Sergeant Galagalac was 28. He was from Wahiawa, Hawaii and served with the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks. Here to receive his medal is his twin brother, Sergeant Alexis Galagalac.

United States Army Private First Class Casey P. Mason.

Private First Class Mason was 22. He was from Lake, Michigan and served with the 728th Military Police Battalion, 8th Military Police Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, from Schofield Barracks. Here to receive his medal are his commanders and friends, Colonel Scott Jones and Command Sergeant Major Freddie Brock.

United States Navy Petty Officer First Class Victor W. Jeffries. Petty Officer Jeffries was 52. He was from Honolulu, Hawaii and served with the Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group in Kuwait. A Navy Reservist on his third mobilization in five years, he was also a physical education teacher and coach at Farrington High School. Here to receive his medal is his wife, Elizabeth Aguirre-Jeffries.

United States Army Sergeant Jon M. Schoolcraft III. Specialist Schoolcraft was 26. He was from Wapakoneta, Ohio and served with the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks. Here to receive his medal is his wife, Amber Schoolcraft.

The Clerk of the Senate proceeded to read the names of the other Hawaii Medal of Honor recipients whose friends and family could not be at the ceremony today:

United States Air Force Airman First Class Carl Jerome Ware, Jr.

United States Marine Corps Major Douglas A. Zembiec

United States Army First Lieutenant Keith N. Heidtman

United States Army Specialist Farid Elazzouzi

United States Army Specialist Val J. Borm

United States Army First Lieutenant Frank B. Walkup, IV

United States Army Sergeant Michael J. Montpetit

United States Army Specialist Jessie G. Pollard

United States Army Specialist Michael A. Hook

United States Army Corporal Jeremy P. Bouffard

United States Navy Hospital Corpsman Third Class Mark R. Cannon

At this time, Members of the United States Air Force proceeded with a 21-gun Salute and the playing of Taps outside the House Chamber in the Capitol Rotunda which was followed by a moment of silence.

President Hanabusa gave her closing remarks as follows:

"As a citizen of this great land, born with the freedom to speak, to believe and to dream, free to express personal thoughts without fear of recrimination or reprisal, to protest and participate in government, I am thankful to be a part of this ceremony in honor of our fallen heroes.

"In protecting all we treasure, in defending all we hold dear, and in preserving those values which distinguish us as proud Americans, no man and no woman stands sentry alone. We stand as a nation and a community, beside them in spirit and with them in a shared commitment.

"And just as surely as we will not see them stand alone, we will not allow them to fall alone. We stand together in their name, by pausing to reflect on the unshakable duty and unquenchable bravery

that have marked their passage among us. We share the pride of countrymen, and share the tears of brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers and friends.

"Today, we recognize and honor heroes. We gather to award the Hawaii Medal of Honor as an expression of our immeasurable gratitude for the sacrifice of these courageous individuals.

"In reflecting on another day marked with great bravery and great sacrifice, Shakespeare wrote, "This story shall the good man teach his son." We owe no less a duty to our honorees and to future generations. These names and deeds shall remain etched in our State's shared history. And we will each say to a companion, young or old, at a moment of great pride or great sadness, "I have heard a story of brave Americans."

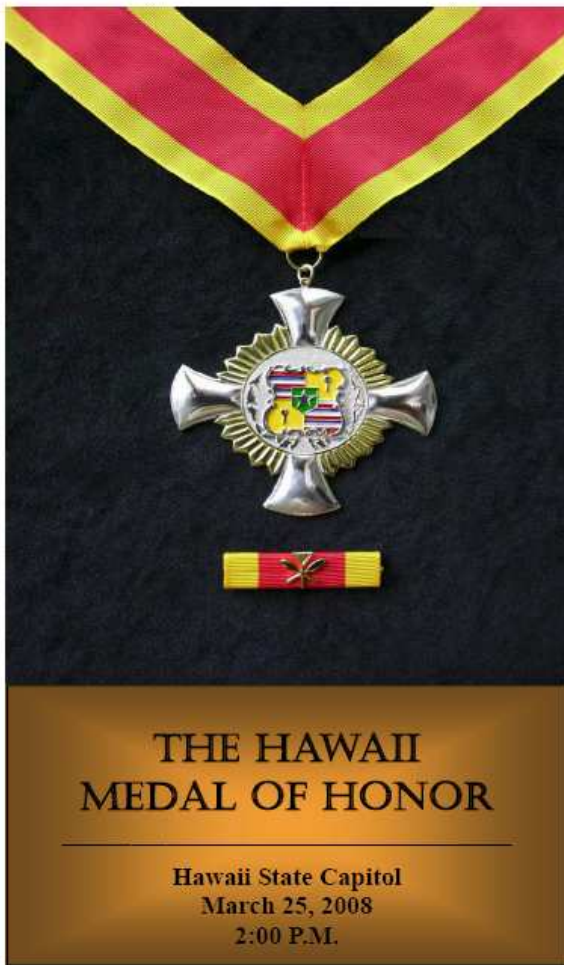
"A grateful state best honors and remembers the sacrifices of those who have served our nation by living our lives in the deepest appreciation of our freedom. That is what they defended. That is what they fought for and died for.

"Today we remember, in moments of quiet reflection, each and every one of these heroes. We stand united to honor their memory and express our profound gratitude for their ultimate sacrifice. On behalf of the State of Hawaii, we say, Mahalo."

The President of the Senate then called on the Joint Service Color Guard and the Hawaii Air National Guard, Royal Guard for the retiring of the Colors, and at 2:53 o'clock p.m., declared the Joint Session of the House of Representatives and the Senate adjourned.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 12:00 o'clock midnight, the House of Representatives adjourned until 12:00 o'clock noon, Thursday, March 27, 2008.



JOINT SESSION OF  
THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE  
HOUSE CHAMBER  
MARCH 25, 2008 \* 2:00 P.M.

**HAWAII MEDAL OF HONOR  
PROGRAM**

Call to Order	House Speaker Calvin K.Y. Say
Posting of the Colors	Joint Service Color Guard Hawaii Air National Guard Royal Guard
National Anthem & Hawaii Pono'i	United States Air Force SSgt Richard Vasquez
Invocation	Mrs. Mahealani Wong Na Wa'a Lalani Kahuna 'O Pu'u Koholā
Welcome & Introduction of Guests	House Speaker Calvin K.Y. Say
Governor's Message	Governor Linda Lingle
Military Address	Major General Robert G.F. Lee
Hawaii Medal of Honor Presentation	House Speaker Calvin K.Y. Say Senate President Colleen Hanabusa Governor Linda Lingle Major General Robert G.F. Lee
Presentation of Certificates	U.S. Congresswoman Mazie Hirono Lieutenant Governor James R. Aiona Jr. Representative Cindy Evans Senator Lorraine R. Inouye
Rendering of Honors	United States Navy
21-Gun Salute	United States Air Force
Taps	United States Navy
Closing Remarks	Senate President Colleen Hanabusa
Retiring of the Colors	

**From House Bill 8, designated as Act 21,  
Session Laws of Hawaii 2005:**

*"The purpose of this Act is to provide for a Hawaii Medal of Honor that would help express the deep appreciation and gratitude of the People of Hawaii to the loved ones of members of the military who sacrificed their lives in defense of our nation and its freedoms."*

**Symbolism of the Hawaii Medal of Honor**

The Hawaii Medal of Honor was designed by Sergeant First Class Aaron Pollick from the Hawaii Army National Guard. This medal consists of the following six components, superimposed on each other:

**Circle of Kalo Leaves:** The kalo leaves represent the family or Ohana. The leaves are designed in an encircled fashion and represents the concept of Ohana, which we strive to embrace.

**Coat of Arms:** The Great Shield is the keystone of the design. The eight bars represent the eight major islands of the State of Hawaii. The kapu sticks, or Pulo'ulo'u, symbolize authority and protection. The star in the center of the medallion is the Star of Hawaii, the 50<sup>th</sup> star on the flag of the United States. This star also represents the honorees of this prestigious award.

**Maltese Cross:** The Maltese Cross represents the four directional axes of the globe, denoting Hawaii as the Crossroads of the Pacific.

**Sun Rays:** The irradiant sun is symbolic of the new era. Its position in the center of the Maltese Cross represents our sunny shores and warm hearts ever shining on all the corners of the world.

**The Neck Drape:** The neck drape is red and golden yellow in color. These colors symbolize the royal monarchy that once ruled these islands. The red represents courage and strength. The golden yellow depicts the honor that the recipients have brought to our islands.

**Service Ribbon & Attachment:** The service ribbon represents distinguished service. Its colors are identical to the colors of the neck drape. The attachment device at the middle of the ribbon is an ancient flag or puela of Hawaiian Chiefs. In olden times, the puela was raised above the sail of the ancient Hawaiians' canoes while at sea. Our puela signifies that the person receiving this medal is of high rank or honor.

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