

## FORTIETH DAY

**Wednesday, March 28, 2012**

The House of Representatives of the Twenty-Sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, convened at 12:08 o'clock p.m., with Speaker Say presiding.

The invocation was delivered in song by former Representative Lynn Finnegan, Executive Director of the Hawaii Charter Schools Network, after which the Roll was called showing all Members present with the exception of Representatives Carroll and Manahan, who were excused.

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

## SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 428 and 429) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 428, transmitting H.B. No. 2429, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 27, 2012.

Sen. Com. No. 429, transmitting H.B. No. 2584, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NOTICE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 27, 2012.

Representative Chong moved to disagree to the amendments made by the Senate to the following House Bills, seconded by Representative Evans and carried: (Representatives Carroll and Manahan were excused.)

H.B. No. 2429, HD 1, (SD 1)  
H.B. No. 2584, HD 1, (SD 1)

## ORDER OF THE DAY

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Souki, for the Committee on Transportation presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1339-12), recommending that H.R. No. 17, as amended in HD 1, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.R. No. 17, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE IMPACT OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ACCIDENTS ON CHILDREN," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused.

Representative Souki, for the Committee on Transportation presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1340-12), recommending that H.C.R. No. 33, as amended in HD 1, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 33, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE IMPACT OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ACCIDENTS ON CHILDREN," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused.

Representative Tsuji, for the Committee on Agriculture presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1341-12), recommending that H.C.R. No.

138, be referred jointly to the Committee on Higher Education and the Committee on Education.

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 138, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE RENAMING OF THE SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS (STEM) INITIATIVES TO THE SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING AGRICULTURE MATHEMATICS (STEAM) INITIATIVES," was referred jointly to the Committee on Higher Education and the Committee on Education, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused.

Representative Tsuji, for the Committee on Agriculture presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1342-12), recommending that H.C.R. No. 147, be referred to the Committee on Legislative Management.

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 147, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE MEASUREMENT STANDARDS BRANCH WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE," was referred to the Committee on Legislative Management, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused.

Representative Tsuji, for the Committee on Agriculture presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1343-12), recommending that H.C.R. No. 207, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 207, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP LONG-RANGE GOALS AND PLANS FOR THE MOLOKAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused.

Representative Tsuji, for the Committee on Agriculture presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1344-12), recommending that H.C.R. No. 208, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 208, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ADDRESS THE DANGEROUSLY LOW LEVEL OF IRRIGATION WATER SUPPLY AND IMPROVE THE AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused.

Representative Souki, for the Committee on Transportation presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1345-12) recommending that H.R. No. 86, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.R. No. 86, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO EXTEND THE HOURS DURING WHICH PARKING IS PROHIBITED ON ISENBERG STREET," was adopted, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused.

Representative Souki, for the Committee on Transportation presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1346-12) recommending that H.C.R. No. 113, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 113, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO EXTEND THE HOURS DURING WHICH PARKING IS PROHIBITED ON ISENBERG STREET," was adopted, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused.

Representative Souki, for the Committee on Transportation presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1347-12) recommending that H.R. No. 72, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.R. No. 72, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON DATE STREET BETWEEN KAPIOLANI BOULEVARD AND LA'AU STREET DURING THE MORNING HOURS TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION," was adopted, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused.

Representative Souki, for the Committee on Transportation presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1348-12) recommending that H.C.R. No. 100, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 100, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON DATE STREET BETWEEN KAPIOLANI BOULEVARD AND LA'AU STREET DURING THE MORNING HOURS TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION," was adopted, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused.

Representative Souki, for the Committee on Transportation presented two reports:

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1349-12) recommending that H.R. No. 44, be adopted; and

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1350-12) recommending that H.C.R. No. 63, be adopted.

Representative Chong moved that the reports of the Committee be adopted, and that H.R. No. 44; and H.C.R. No. 63, be adopted, seconded by Representative Evans.

Representative Thielen rose to speak in support of both measures, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm rising to speak in strong support of these Resolutions. Yes, and the Resolutions are requesting the Governor to proclaim July 13, 2012 as Collector Car Appreciation Day.

"Mr. Speaker, my son Peter, who now lives on Kauai, started collecting antique or collectable cars when he was about 15 years old. He started with a Model A. The restoration was unbelievably lengthy, and filled with a lot of challenges. But he persevered. When he moved to the mainland for a period of time, he didn't take that car with him, but sold it. He's back on Kauai now, and guess what? He has a Model A in his garage. It's not operable, but he's ready to pick up and start restoring that.

"It's a wonderful hobby and it's more than that. People become very involved in it, and just love the restoration. I look at people's faces when these cars drive by, and everyone's smiling with great delight and great appreciation. So it's nice to have one day devoted to them. Thank you."

Representative Awana rose in support of both measures and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Awana's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise in support. The Collector Car Appreciation Day is a national initiative spearheaded by the SEMA Action Network. As stated in their April 2012 Newsletter:

Hawaii "Collector Car Appreciation Day": Resolutions have been introduced in the Hawaii House of Representatives and Senate seeking recognition by the state for July 13, 2012 as "Collector Car Appreciation Day." Earlier this year, the SAN announced this date to mark the third commemoration in what has become an annual event to raise awareness of the vital role automotive restoration and collection plays in American society. The SAN is again working to secure a U.S. Congressional resolution to recognize the day's significance. In the previous two years, thousands of Americans have gathered at car cruises, parades and other events to celebrate our nation's automotive heritage. The SAN is maintaining a list of scheduled events to commemorate America's time-tested love affair with the automobile. Individuals, car clubs and business owners interested in publicizing events should contact Colby Martin at san@sema.org .

"Mr. Speaker, the appreciation for car enthusiasts are not limited to the mainland. Here in Hawaii, there are tens of thousands who are as passionate about vehicle restoration as other parts of the United States. As the Representative from Kailua just mentioned, these undertakings are a labor of love. Another aspect of this industry is the business that is generated from purchasing parts and kits to build vintage vehicles from the ground up. During weekends you will see these auto lines at shopping centers or driving around the island for all to enjoy.

"For the past three years, car enthusiasts have gathered on the Leeward Coast for an event called Hotrods for a Cause to support a special cause while allowing the public to look at all types of vehicles – cars, motorcycles, and trucks. It has become so popular; there are now airplanes and fire trucks displayed. Mr. Speaker, these resolutions mean a lot to many hobbyist who enjoy participating in one way or another, and I know the passage of these measures will reflect the same on this Body. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the reports of the Committee were adopted and H.R. No. 44, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM JULY 13, 2012, AS "COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY"," was adopted, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused; and

H.C.R. No. 63, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM JULY 13, 2012, AS "COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY"," was adopted, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused.

Representatives Brower and Awana, for the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on International Affairs presented two reports:

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1351-12) recommending that H.R. No. 25, as amended in HD 1, be adopted; and

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1352-12) recommending that H.C.R. No. 46, as amended in HD 1, be adopted.

Representative Chong moved that the reports of the Committees be adopted, and that H.R. No. 25, HD 1; and H.C.R. No. 46, HD 1, be adopted, seconded by Representative Evans.

Representative Takai rose in support of both measures and asked that his written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Takai's written remarks are as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to submit written comments in support of House Resolution 25 and House Concurrent Resolution 46, urging the inclusion on the People's Republic of China in the Visa Waiver Program.

"International visitors are an important part of Hawaii's visitor industry. The Hawaii Tourism Authority testified that international visitor make up about 30 percent of visitor arrivals and contribute about \$3.7 billion in expenditures to the industry. China is the world's second largest economy and a major trade partner with the United States. The Office of the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu testified that the paramount issue in

travelling to Hawaii, as cited by Chinese travelers, is the difficulty in obtaining travel visas.

"Easing the barriers to travel that Chinese travelers face can result in a significant increase in economic growth for our visitor industry. Supporting the Visa Improvements to Stimulate International Tourism to the United State of America Act not only benefits our Hawaii economy, but it also helps Chinese travelers enjoy the beauty and hospitality of Hawaii. For these reasons, I support these Resolutions."

Representative Awana rose in support of both measures and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Awana's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise in support. This measure supports improvements needed for the existing VISA program. For many reasons, people are being denied entry into the US because the existing process is too cumbersome. Currently, Hawaii's largest economic industry – Tourism receives over 30% of visitors from outside of the United States. In addition, foreign visitors spend more money than domestic travelers. This translates to more tax dollars at a time when we need it the most. For these reasons, Mr. Speaker, I rise in support. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the reports of the Committees were adopted, and H.R. No. 25, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE VISA IMPROVEMENTS TO STIMULATE INTERNATIONAL TOURISM TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACT," was adopted, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused; and

H.C.R. No. 46, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE VISA IMPROVEMENTS TO STIMULATE INTERNATIONAL TOURISM TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACT," was adopted, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused.

Representative Keith-Agaran, for the Committee on Judiciary presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1353-12) recommending that S.B. No. 3029, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Representative Chong moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3029, SD 1, HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading, seconded by Representative Evans.

The Chair addressed Representative Riviere, stating:

"Representative Riviere, what is the motion before this Body?"

Representative Riviere responded, stating:

"Thank you for the question, Mr. Speaker. I believe the question is to allow this for a vote as this time."

The Chair responded, stating:

"The motion before the Body is to pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading. Thank you, very much."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3029, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTORY REVISION: AMENDING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES AND THE SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII FOR THE PURPOSE OF CORRECTING ERRORS AND REFERENCES AND CLARIFYING LANGUAGE," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Ching: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We'll be in recess tomorrow, so I wanted to make this announcement and maybe perhaps give some encouragement for some freshman.

"I can't believe it, but this is our tenth annual. Ten years have passed of our Historic Preservation Awareness Day. It was begun ten years ago in order to connect policymakers with the many good organizations that are helping to preserve our heritage and our beautiful historic sites.

"With our Co-Chair from the Big Island, the Kamuela, Waimea side, we are having this wonderful Historic Preservation Day, Friday, 8:30 to 11:30, on the Third Floor lanai. It started in one room, Room 329, with about I guess about ten exhibitors. And I was reminded by my Co-Chair, we could have taken a whole other floor, but the booth cut off came. There are over fifty exhibitors from all over the islands, Maui, Kauai, Molokai, Oahu, Big Island. It's to help us understand what's out there, and who needs our help, and how we can help them to preserve what's special and unique about Hawaii. So I hope everyone will come. Though it's Friday, and I know people have hearings. It's busy, but please come and visit."

## COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

The following measure was re-referred to committee by the Speaker:

### S.B. No.

### Re-referred to:

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| 2350, | Committee on Agriculture, then to the Committee on Water, |
| SD1,  | Land, & Ocean Resources                                   |
| HD1   |   |

## RECESS

At 12:21 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. 35, 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-Sixth Legislature was called to order at 2:03 o'clock p.m., by the Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say, Speaker of the House.

The Speaker addressed the Chamber, stating:

"Thank you. 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."

At this time, the Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate, 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 Ms. Megann Sala, thereafter the Hawaiian Blessing was delivered by Ms. Puakeala Mann from Halau Hula O Maiki.

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

"Mahalo to our Joint Service Color Guard, the Royal Guard, Ms. Sala and Ms. Mann. Your participation in today's ceremony is greatly appreciated.

"Good afternoon and aloha!

"Our nation has been at war for more than a decade. And as time passes, it is easy to allow our attention to be diverted from what our brave servicemen and women do overseas. However, the reality is that the threats our military personnel face today are no less real, and no less grave, than when this all began in those days following the September 11th attacks. We are gathered here to pay respects to those who have given their lives, so that we may enjoy the level of comfort, security, and freedom found in the United States of America.

"These patriots whom we honor today were also fathers, sons, and brothers. They had hopes, dreams, and plans for the future as all of us do, but for the love of country, they put those plans aside. By volunteering, deploying to a combat zone, and laying down their lives, these brave men gave away all of their tomorrows, so that we can go on to see ours.

"This is the seventh year that the State has awarded the Hawaii Medal of Honor. The day that we gather each year to honor our heroes and their families is the day that I am most proud, and yet, most sorrowful, to be standing here before you. For while we, as lawmakers, are honored to recognize these outstanding individuals, we also hope the day soon comes when such ceremonies are no longer necessary.

"I would like to thank the families and loved ones for participating in today's proceedings. Every one of us owes you a great debt, one that we can never fully repay. We truly mourn your loss, and it cannot be said enough: These heroes, these patriots, who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation, will never be forgotten.

"Before proceeding any further, I would like to acknowledge the presence of our State, Congressional, and Military leaders. Please hold your applause until all of our distinguished guests are recognized."

At this time, the Speaker introduced the following State, congressional and military leaders seated on the Floor of the House:

The Honorable Neil Abercrombie, Governor of the State of Hawaii;

The Honorable Brian Schatz, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawaii;

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

Representing the Honorable Daniel K. Akaka, United States Senator: Mr. Ricky Oshiro;

Representing the Honorable Mazie K. Hirono, United States Congresswoman: Ms. Lauren Montez;

Representing the Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, United States Congresswoman: Mr. Richard Rapoza;

Mr. Bill Paty, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army;

Ms. Christina Kemmer, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army;

Major General Darryll D.M. Wong, The Adjutant General, Hawaii Department of Defense;

Representing United States Army Pacific and Lieutenant General Francis Wiercinski: Major General William Beard;

Representing the 8th Theater Sustainment Command and Major General Michael Terry: Mrs. Cathy Terry, accompanied by Colonel Glenn Grothe;

Brigadier General Gary M. Hara, Commander, Hawaii Army National Guard, and Mrs. Dianne Hara;

Brigadier General Stanley J. Osserman Jr., Commander, Hawaii Air National Guard;

Brigadier General Keith Gallagher, Commander, Tripler Army Medical Center, and Mrs. Sandra Gallagher;

Representing the 25th Infantry Division and Major General Bernard Champoux: Brigadier General Paul LaCamera;

Brigadier General Joseph Kim, Deputy Adjutant General, Hawaii Department of Defense;

Rear Admiral Fernandez Ponds, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, and Mrs. Carolyn Ponds;

Representing United States Marine Forces Pacific and Lieutenant General Duane Thiessen: Colonel James Reilly;

Representing United States Coast Guard District 14 and Rear Admiral Charles Ray: Captain David Vaughn;

Representing the Hawaii National Guard, Chief of Joint Staff: Colonel Joe Logan, and Mrs. Gaylene Logan;

Colonel Brad Sakai, Commander, United States Air Force 154th Wing, and Mrs. Momi Sakai;

Command Chief Master Sergeant Robert Lee, Senior Enlisted Officer, Hawaii National Guard; and

Representing United States Pacific Air Forces and General Gary North: Chief Master Sergeant Robert Webb.

Speaker Say then called upon the Honorable Neil Abercrombie to deliver his remarks as follows:

"Aloha, dear friends. This gathering today is not the first occasion where we have had a similar ceremony. Yet, we find ourselves, in some respects, as the Speaker has indicated, repeating ourselves, sometimes with regret, but more often with a sense of acknowledgement as to what constitutes the human dimension.

"Those who we honor today, those who we acknowledge today, are those who are rich in character. Their circumstances in terms of their material life may be humble, but they are rich in character. The issues with which conflicts have ensued and individuals' commitments up to and including their very lives are large in scope, but our acknowledgement is individual and personal. The implications of the issues, ostensibly in contention in wars and battles and conflicts are immense on the overall picture that we present to ourselves as human beings. But the implications for those assembled here today, are intensely personal.

"In some respects you could say they are even isolated, or insulated or involuted, but this would not truly represent what it is we do today. Yes, we look to ourselves, and we look inward to determine for ourselves, what meaning we are to derive from gatherings such as this, but more importantly, we reach out to one another in solidarity as brothers and sisters in our common humanity.

"I periodically review, as I contemplate and reflect upon the responsibilities that I have now as Commander in Chief of the National Guard, and upon the circumstances of my public life, on the Armed Services Committee in the United States House of Representatives. And take from my shelf when I am struck with a sense of responsibility for determining what it is that I need to do, this volume of James Gould Couzen's *Guard of Honor*, a novel which, probably within the context of reference out of the period of War World II is not necessarily in the first rank of critics' choices as being representative of the era. One thinks of *The*

*Naked and the Dead, From Here to Eternity*, William Styron's book *Lie Down in Darkness*, William Manchester's *Goodbye Darkness*.

"The *Guard of Honor* takes as its theme a quotation from Shakespeare in *The Tempest*, and it gives me pause every time I think about it and read it, and gives me perspective on our proceedings here today. I and my fellows are ministers of fate.

The elements of whom your swords are tempered may as well wound the loud winds or with bemocked-at stabs kill the still-closing waters as diminish for one moment what's in my plume. My fellow ministers and I are like invulnerable.

"That I think, is the fundamental message that we bring to one another today and bring to those whom we recognize today, that our commitment to one another as human beings, our commitment to those core values that make up the very basis of our humanity are like invulnerable."

Speaker Say then called upon Major General Darryll Wong to deliver his remarks on behalf of the military as follows:

"Governor Abercrombie, Lt. Governor Schatz, our Congressional delegation, Senate President Tsutsui, Speaker Say, Members of the State Senate, Legislature, family and friends of our honored heroes, and all of our military sitting in the Gallery above. As State Adjutant General, presiding over this ceremony is probably part of the most difficult duties that I have, of the many duties that I do. I'm responsible for the training and the equipping of the Hawaii National Guard Soldiers and Airmen, and it's always with a heavy heart when I see them off as they leave our shores.

"As a Homeland Security Advisor, I must ensure that we have done all we can to prevent this State from falling victim to any act of terrorism, and as Director of State Civil Defense, I feel the burden of preparing and keeping Hawaii's residents and tourists safe from the effects of any natural or manmade disaster. But none of these responsibilities can compare to the burden felt by any of these family members with us today who have lost a loved one in the service to our nation.

"My duty today is in some small way to try to comfort those when comfort may not be enough, and to massage the pain of a broken heart. While I may fall short in this endeavor, I can at least take solace in knowing that the State of Hawaii has provided some closure to these families by recognizing the supreme sacrifice made by their soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines, on behalf of this grateful State.

"Hawaii has a long tradition of welcoming mainland service personnel to our shores. After World War II, many G.I.s stopped in Honolulu on the way back from the South Pacific. So many of them fell in love with Hawaii and they never got back on the ships, and stayed and planted their roots. During the Korean and Vietnam wars, tens of thousands of G.I.s and Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines touch America for the first time again, in Hawaii, after a long absence, and decided they belong here.

"Hawaii welcomes thousands of new Armed Forces personnel each year, and each one is touched in at least some small measure by their time here. This is more than just a beautiful place. It's more than just beautiful weather. It's the feeling of *aloha* and the feeling of *ohana*, family, that makes our men and women in uniform feel welcome. So it does not matter whether our fallen heroes were born or raised here, or whether they were stationed here for a couple months or a couple years before deployment. They are part of the *ohana*, or family, and by extension, their families become ours as well, and always will be.

"This feeling of family could not be more evident than the request made by Major General Bernard Champoux, commanding General of the 25 I.D. here at Schofield, whose assignment was to close down and bring home the final U.S. forces in Iraq. For his final departure home, after a year-long deployment, his request was for a Hawaii based C17 from the Hawaii Air National Guard to pick him up and take he and his headquarters element back home to Hawaii. This says a lot.

"The State Medal of Honor symbolizes the strength and character of each hero as well as the feeling of *ohana*. The *kalo*, or taro leaves in the medal is emblematic of the embrace of the people of Hawaii. Following America's tradition in past wars, a gold star was often placed, displayed, to let the neighborhood know, that the life of a hero, who had grown up there, had been taken. Today, the gold star and the medal coat of arms represents the fiftieth state star on the American flag, and also represents the person being honored.

"The attachment device in red and yellow ribbon is a rendering of the ancient *puela*, or flag, the Hawaiians raised at sea above the sail of their canoes. All who saw the *puela* from afar, knew that a person of highest rank or honor was coming. Today, this service ribbon and this *puela* will remind us that these families are the highest rank and honor, because our hope that this medal will continuously remind the families and friends of these fallen heroes that this State will always remember the sacrifice you and your family member have made, that you are and forever shall be a member of this family and hold a special place in our heart. Mahalo."

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 announced the names of the Hawaii Medal of Honor recipients, which was followed by the ringing of the memorial bell.

United States Army Corporal Andrew C. Wilfahrt.

Corporal Wilfahrt was 31. He was from Rosemount, Minnesota and served with the 552nd Military Police Company, 728th Military Police Battalion, 8th Theater Sustainment Command from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal were his friends, Specialist Russell Akers and Specialist Kevin Gill.

United States Army Staff Sergeant Mark C. Wells.

Staff Sergeant Wells was 31. He was from San Jose, California and served with the 74th Ordnance Company, 303rd Ordnance Battalion from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal were members of his command team, First Sergeant David Silva and Major Aaron Workman.

United States Army Sergeant Kevin W. White.

Sergeant White was 22. He was from Westfield, New York and served with the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal was family friend, Kyle Foster.

United States Army Specialist William S. Blevins.

Specialist Blevins was 21. He was from Sardinia, Ohio and served with the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal was family friend, Amanda Blair.

United States Army Private First Class Andrew M. Krippner.

Private First Class Krippner was 20. He was from Garland, Texas and served with the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal was family friend, Private First Class Cody Snee, who just a few days ago returned from Afghanistan.

United States Marine Corps Private First Class Josue Ibarra.

Private First Class Ibarra was 21. He was from Midland, Texas 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 was his Battery Commander, Captain Matthew Ritchie.

United States Army Private First Class Joshua L. Jetton.

Private First Class Jetton was 21. He was from Sebring, Florida and served with the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal was family friend, Specialist Jeremy Canterbury.

United States Army Specialist Levi E. Nuncio. Specialist Nuncio was 25. He was from Harrisonburg, Virginia and served with the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal were his parents, Raul and Berta Nuncio, his brother, Dan Nuncio, and his nephew, Daniel Rivera.

United States Army First Lieutenant Dimitri A. Del Castillo. First Lieutenant Del Castillo was 24. He was from Tampa, Florida and served with the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal was his wife, Katie Del Castillo.

United States Army Staff Sergeant Nigel D. Kelly. Staff Sergeant Kelly was 26. He was from Menifee, California and served with the 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal were his wife, Catia Kelly and his goddaughter, Mea Hillard.

United States Army Specialist Kevin J. Hilaman. Specialist Hilaman was 28. He was from Albany, California and served with the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal was his former commander, Major Christopher Bluhm.

United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Christopher L. Camero. Lance Corporal Camero was 19. He was from Kailua-Kona, Hawaii and a 2010 graduate of Honokaa High School on the island of Hawaii. He served with the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force from Twentynine Palms, California. Here to receive his medal were his parents, Carlos and Norma Camero and his sister, Sarrah Camero.

United States Army Staff Sergeant James M. Christen. Staff Sergeant Christen was 29. He was from Loomis, California and served with the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal was his wife, Lauren Christen.

United States Army Sergeant William B. Gross Paniagua. Sergeant Gross Paniagua was 28. He was from Daly City, California and served with the 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal was his sister, Felicia Gross.

United States Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Kraig M. Vickers. Senior Chief Petty Officer Vickers was 36. He was from Kokomo, Hawaii and a graduate of Maui High School. He was a Navy explosive ordnance disposal specialist and served with an East Coast-based Navy SEAL Team. Here to receive his medal were his wife Nani Vickers and their children Kala'i, Mali'e and Kalei. Also here were his parents, Bob and Mary Vickers.

United States Army Sergeant First Class Houston M. Taylor. Sergeant First Class Taylor was 25. He was from Hurst, Texas and served with the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal was family friend, Staff Sergeant Cipriano Castenada.

United States Army Specialist Ronald Wildrick. Specialist Wildrick was 30. He was from Blairstown, New Jersey and served with the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal was a member of his platoon, Specialist Joshua Beach.

United States Army Staff Sergeant Joseph J. Altmann. Staff Sergeant Altmann was 27. He was from Marshfield, Wisconsin and served with the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal was his wife, Nikki Altmann.

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 Army Private First Class Thomas C. Allers

United States Army Staff Sergeant Kristofferson B. Lorenzo

United States Army Sergeant Jacob Molina

United States Marine Corps Corporal Nicholas S. Ott

United States Army Staff Sergeant Christopher R. Newman

United States Army Sergeant Christopher L. Muniz

President Tsutsui then gave his closing remarks as follows:

"To all who have gathered here today, thank you for being part of this very important ceremony. Today's ceremony reminds us of the bravery, the dedication, and the commitment that these soldiers demonstrated throughout their lives. To the family and friends of our honorees, thank you for sharing America's heroes with the rest of us. We are truly humbled by their courage and commitment in the service of others, even in the face of great adversity and physical danger.

"The loss of loved ones leaves an emptiness that is not easily filled, however, it is our hope that you may find some comfort in the deep appreciation and gratitude that the people of Hawaii and the people of this nation have, for the sacrifices that have been endured, yours is a debt that cannot be repaid, but through our collective efforts to remain truly appreciative of the rights and freedoms that we cherish most in our country, we can and must continue to honor the memories of our fallen soldiers.

"Members of the House and Senate, and special guests, please rise and turn your attention to the Rotunda level for the 3-Volley Salute and the playing of *Taps*. Following this will be a moment of silence. Members of the Hickam Base Honor Guard, please proceed."

At this time, Members of the Hickam Base Honor Guard proceeded with a 3-Volley Salute and the playing of *Taps* outside the House Chamber in the Capitol Rotunda, which was then followed by a moment of silence.

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 3:00 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, Friday, March 30, 2012.

## HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Communication dated March 28, 2012, from CJ Leong, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and Members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has disagreed to the amendments made by the Senate to the following House Bills:

H.B. No. 2429, HD 1, SD 1

H.B. No. 2584, HD 1, SD 1



#### 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.

#### Hawaii Medal of Honor Program

#### JOINT SESSION OF THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE HOUSE CHAMBERS MARCH 28, 2012 - 2:00 PM

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| <b>Call to Order</b>                        | House Speaker Calvin K.Y. Say   |
| <b>Pu Kani</b>                              | Mr. Jordan Kamea'i'omakamae Vargas  |
| <b>Posting of the Colors</b>                | United States Pacific Command<br>Joint Service Color Guard<br>Hawaii Air National Guard Royal Guard                               |
| <b>National Anthem &amp; Hawaii Pono'i</b>  | Ms. Megann Sala   |
| <b>Hawaiian Blessing</b>                    | Ms. Puakeala Mann<br>Halau Hula O Maiki   |
| <b>Welcome &amp; Introduction of Guests</b> | House Speaker Calvin K.Y. Say   |
| <b>Governor's Message</b>                   | Governor Neil Abercrombie   |
| <b>Military Address</b>                     | Major General Darryll D.M. Wong   |
| <b>Hawaii Medal of Honor Presentation</b>   | House Speaker Calvin K.Y. Say<br>Senate President Shan S. Tsutsui<br>Governor Neil Abercrombie<br>Major General Darryll D.M. Wong |
| <b>Presentation of Certificates</b>         | Representative Henry J.C. Aquino<br>Senator Will Espero<br>Lieutenant Governor Brian Schatz                                       |
| <b>Rendering of Honors</b>                  | JBPHH Navy Detachment Honor Guard   |
| <b>3-Volley Salute</b>                      | Hickam Base Honor Guard   |
| <b>Taps</b>                                 | Marine Forces Pacific Band  |
| <b>Closing Remarks</b>                      | Senate President Shan S. Tsutsui  |
| <b>Retiring of the Colors</b>               |   |

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 United States Army Staff Sergeant Mark C. Wells  
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#### 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."*

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