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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE CONTINUING IMPORTANCE OF FORT SHAFTER TO THE STATE OF HAWAII AND TO THE COUNTRY, ITS PEOPLE, AND SECURITY, ON THE OCCASION OF ITS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

1           WHEREAS, the military exists to serve our country and state by  
2 protecting our citizens and other enduring national interests; and

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4           WHEREAS, construction on FORT SHAFTER began in 1905 on the  
5 ahupua'a of Kahauiki, former Hawaiian crown lands; and

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7           WHEREAS, FORT SHAFTER, which was named after Major General  
8 William R. Shafter (1835-1906) who led the United States expedition to  
9 Cuba in 1898, has served as the headquarters of the United States Army  
10 Pacific (USARPAC) since 1907; and

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12           WHEREAS, USARPAC commands most Army forces in the Asia-Pacific  
13 region with the exception of Korea, with the mission of promoting  
14 regional stability, providing United States Pacific Command (PACOM)  
15 with trained and ready force to support security operations that range  
16 from engagement to war fighting, and ensuring successful crisis  
17 response or decisive victory; and

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19           WHEREAS, since September 11, 2001, USARPAC soldiers have played  
20 a vital role in homeland defense for Hawaii, Alaska, Guam, and Japan,  
21 and have provided critical support for operations with our nation's  
22 allies elsewhere in the region; and

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24           WHEREAS, in the years to come, USARPAC will remain vital to  
25 national security strategy in this dynamic region and will continue to  
26 meet the Army's evolving requirements and vision for America's army in  
27 the Pacific as a tailored, highly deployable multi-component  
28 contributor to joint and multinational teams; capable of quick crisis  
29 response and decisive victory; ready, responsive, and engaged; values-  
30 based; supportive of and caring for its soldiers, civilians, and  
31 families; and supportive of the PACOM's strategy of promoting peace,



1 democracy, security, and peaceful development in the Asia-Pacific  
2 region; and  
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4 WHEREAS, FORT SHAFTER ranks as one of the state's largest  
5 employers, with more than 25,000 full-time soldiers and civilians  
6 employed throughout the Pacific and 9,000 more in the National Guard  
7 and Army Reserve; now, therefore,  
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
10 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
11 Session of 2007, that this body hereby recognizes the continuing  
12 importance of FORT SHAFTER to the State of Hawaii and to the country,  
13 its people, and security on the occasion of its centennial  
14 celebration, and extends its sincerest appreciation and wishes for a  
15 strengthened relationship in the coming years.  
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