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SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING 2009 AS THE YEAR OF THE ARMY NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER CORPS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

WHEREAS, the United States Army's professional Noncommissioned Officer Corps has a proud history and has distinguished itself throughout the world as the backbone of the Army by leading the way with two tasks in mind: obeying the orders of their superior officers to accomplish the mission, and looking out for the welfare of their soldiers; and

WHEREAS, noncommissioned officers in the Noncommissioned Officer Corps occupy a position of respect and leadership, have performed fundamental tasks such as small unit leaders, technical experts, trainers, and perhaps most importantly, are guardians of the Army's standards; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army depends on the knowledge and timeless qualities of leadership and courage that these dedicated men and women possess, assigning them to lead the charge from the front on today's battlefields in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and the Philippines, and in other locations throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, noncommissioned officers and their families have made daily sacrifices and exemplified courage and a deep sense of patriotism in their commitment to provide continual and invaluable service in accomplishing and contributing to our State and to this great nation, and have demonstrated their dedication and willingness to sacrifice on behalf of their fellow Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Noncommissioned Officer Corps of the United States Army has faced danger, endured hardships, and made the ultimate sacrifice to defend our nation's freedoms; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, that the Legislature urges the Governor to proclaim 2009 as the

Year of the Noncommissioned Officer Corps of the United States Army; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the Army, the Chief of Staff of the United States Army, the Commander, United States Pacific Command, and members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.

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