HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THOSE WHO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE FAMILIES OF DEPLOYED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

WHEREAS, there are over one million children who are the sons or daughters of members of the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the families of members of the Armed Forces provide unconditional love and support to their loved ones serving in the Armed Forces before, during, and after their deployment in service to the United States; and

WHEREAS, by providing this vital support, these families provide an essential service to their country, along with their deployed family members; and

WHEREAS, while significant government resources are made available to the families of members of the Armed Forces who reside on or near a military installation, resources for families of deployed Reserve and National Guard members are often not as accessible because these families do not reside near a military installation; and

WHEREAS, nonprofit organizations have filled this gap by dedicating themselves to ensuring that children of military families receive the support they need while their parents are deployed; and

WHEREAS, these services from nonprofit organizations include crucial extracurricular activities and programs for school-aged children of deployed Reserve and National Guard members; and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit organizations providing these services include Our Military Kids, Inc., Parents as Teachers, Citizen-Soldier Support program, Operation Homefront, Inc.,

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American Military Family, Inc., Kids Serve 2, and Salute Our Services; and

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WHEREAS, these programs and organizations help the families of deployed Armed Forces members to maintain as normal a life as possible through services and grants that provide resources that might otherwise be unavailable to these families; now, therefore.

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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature hereby recognizes and commends those who provide support to the families of deployed members of the Armed Forces; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature also honors military families and the nongovernmental organizations that support them; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, Chief of Naval Operations of the U.S. Navy, Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, Executive Director of Our Military Kids, Inc., President and Chief Executive Officer of Parents as Teachers, Principal Investigator of Citizen-Soldier Support Program, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Operation Homefront, Inc., Founder of American Military Family, Inc., and Kids Serve 2 care of the Chief Executive Officer of Salute Our Services, Inc.

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