## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING RETAILERS TO PROVIDE DISCOUNTS TO FIREFIGHTERS, POLICE OFFICERS, AND EMERGENCY PERSONNEL IN DEFERENCE TO THEIR WORK FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY.

WHEREAS, Hawaii residents rely on firefighters, police officers, and emergency personnel to ensure the overall public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, police officers regularly put the health and safety of the public above their own not only when responding to reports of violent crime, but also on routine traffic stops and in response to domestic disturbances; and

WHEREAS, at risk to their own lives, firefighters do not hesitate to enter buildings made structurally unsound by fire to preserve the lives and property of Hawaii residents; and

WHEREAS, emergency personnel protect the health and safety of others, often while disregarding potential danger to their own lives; and

WHEREAS, firefighters, police officers, and emergency personnel work long hours every day of the year to ensure that Hawaii's residents continue to live in peace and safety; and

WHEREAS, many of the sacrifices made by firefighters, police officers, and emergency personnel, who also willingly give their time and effort when off-duty to support their local communities, often go unnoticed; and

WHEREAS, these public servants deserve to be recognized and rewarded for the valuable and sometimes dangerous work they unselfishly perform for the people of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, many retailers in Hawaii provide a nominal discount to military personnel as a tribute to the sacrifices they make, sometimes including their own lives, to protect the lives and liberty of United States citizens; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature urges retailers to provide discounts to firefighters, police officers, and emergency personnel in deference to their work for the public health and safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Public Safety, the President of The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, President of the Maui Chamber of Commerce, President of the Kauai Chamber of Commerce, President of the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce, and Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the Retail Merchants of Hawaii.

OFFERED BY:

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