## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING ALL ACTIVE, RESERVE, AND GUARD COMPONENTS OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY AND THE ACTIVE AND RESERVE COMPONENTS OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO MAKE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IMPROVE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONTINUAL CARE FOR THE DOMESTIC ANIMALS OWNED BY MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY AND UNITED STATES COAST GUARD WHO ARE REQUIRED TO DEPLOY OR RELOCATE.

WHEREAS, members of the United States military and Coast Guard who deploy or relocate often face difficult decisions regarding home and family, including what to do with their pets; and

WHEREAS, most members of the military and Coast Guard who deploy or relocate want to ensure that their pets will be cared for during their absence, and they wish to be reunited with their pets when they return; and

WHEREAS, members of the military and Coast Guard often relinquish their pet to a local shelter, or worse, abandon the animal because they have no one available to care for it; and

WHEREAS, abandoned animals have the potential to reproduce and dramatically increase the number of homeless animals on military and Coast Guard installations and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, with many thousands of members of the military and Coast Guard stationed in Hawaii, the need to provide continual care for pets owned by deploying or relocating service members is magnified; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, that the Legislature encourages all services of the United States military and the United States Coast Guard to convene a working group with local animal shelters and rescue organizations and make resources available to help provide

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continual care for domestic animals owned by members of the military and Coast Guard who are required to deploy or relocate out of the State; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Hawaii's congressional delegation, the United States Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the United States Army, the Secretary of the United States Navy, the Secretary of the United States Air Force, the Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, the Commander of the United States Pacific Command, the Commander of the Pacific Air Forces, the Commander of Hickam Air Force Base, the Commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, the Commander of United States Pacific Fleet, the Commander of United States Army Pacific, the Commander of Marine Corps Base Hawaii, the Commander of the Fourteenth Coast Guard District, the Adjutant General for the State of Hawaii, the Commander of the Hawaii Air National Guard, and the Commander of the Hawaii Army National Guard.

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