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## HOUSE 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 1 officers, and emergency personnel to ensure the overall public 2 3 health and safety; and 4 WHEREAS, police officers regularly put the health and 5 safety of the public above their own not only when responding to 6 reports of violent crime, but also on routine traffic stops and 7 in response to domestic disturbances; and 8 9 WHEREAS, at risk to their own lives, firefighters do not 10 hesitate to enter buildings made structurally unsound by fire to 11 preserve the lives and property of Hawaii residents; and 12 13 14 WHEREAS, emergency personnel protect the health and safety of others, often while disregarding potential danger to their 15 16 own lives; and 17 WHEREAS, firefighters, police officers, and emergency 18 personnel work long hours every day of the year to ensure that 19 Hawaii's residents continue to live in peace and safety; and 20 21 WHEREAS, many of the sacrifices made by firefighters, 22 police officers, and emergency personnel, who also willingly 23 give their time and effort when off-duty to support their local 24 communities, often go unnoticed; and 25 26 WHEREAS, these public servants deserve to be recognized and 27 rewarded for the valuable and sometimes dangerous work they 28 29 unselfishly perform for the people of Hawaii; and

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1 WHEREAS, many retailers in Hawaii provide a nominal 2 discount to military personnel as a tribute to the sacrifices they make, sometimes including their own lives, to protect the 3 4 lives and liberty of United States citizens; now, therefore, 5 6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 7 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, that this body urges retailers to provide discounts to 8 9 firefighters, police officers, and emergency personnel in 10 deference to their work for the public health and safety; and 11 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Public Safety, the 13 President of The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, President of the 14 Maui Chamber of Commerce, President of the Kauai Chamber of 15 Commerce, President of the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce, 16 and Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the Retail 17 18 Merchants of Hawaii. 19 20 21 OFFERED BY:

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