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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

AWARDING THE HAWAII MEDAL OF HONOR TO UNITED STATES MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS WITH HAWAII CONNECTIONS KILLED IN ACTION WHILE SERVING IN DANGEROUS, VOLATILE, AND UNSTABLE AREAS OF THE WORLD, INCLUDING IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN.

1           WHEREAS, in times of threats to our nation's security, the  
2 United States Armed Forces stand ready to defend and protect our  
3 nation; and

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5           WHEREAS, the United States Armed Forces also protect the  
6 lives and freedoms of individuals from other nations who cannot  
7 fight for themselves; and

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9           WHEREAS, known for their highly skilled military personnel,  
10 unwavering patriotism, and undiminishing compassion for others,  
11 the United States Armed Forces bravely answered the call to  
12 fight for the citizens of Iraq and Afghanistan; and

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14           WHEREAS, as a central location for armed forces training  
15 and preparation, the State of Hawaii sent many of its own  
16 National Guard and Military Reserves service members and United  
17 States Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy service members  
18 to protect Iraqi and Afghan citizens; and

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20           WHEREAS, in the course of active and unpredictable military  
21 duty, members of the military often become engaged in dangerous  
22 situations, endangering their own lives as they act to protect  
23 innocent civilians; and

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25           WHEREAS, many airmen, airwomen, soldiers, marines, and  
26 sailors with ties to Hawaii have been called to serve in some of  
27 the most dangerous areas of Iraq and Afghanistan, coming into  
28 contact with opposing forces on a daily basis; and



1 WHEREAS, it was with utmost bravery that many heroes with  
2 ties to Hawaii were killed in action, sacrificing their lives to  
3 protect the lives of American and foreign citizens; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Medal of Honor may be awarded to  
6 individuals who have been killed in action, while:  
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- 8 • Engaged in an action against an enemy of the United  
9 States or military operations involving conflict with an  
10 opposing foreign force;  
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- 12 • Serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed  
13 conflict against an opposing armed force in which the  
14 United States is not a belligerent party, in a combat  
15 zone as designated by presidential order, or in direct  
16 support of military operations in a combat zone if that  
17 service is designated as such by the United States  
18 Department of Defense; or  
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- 20 • Performing duty subject to hostile fire or imminent  
21 danger if that duty qualifies the individual for special  
22 military pay as determined by the United States  
23 Department of Defense; and  
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25 WHEREAS, recipients of the Hawaii Medal of Honor include:  
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- 27 • Members of the Hawaii National Guard or United States  
28 Military Reserves who were legal residents of Hawaii and  
29 activated into service at the time they were killed in  
30 action;  
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- 32 • Members of the Regular United States Armed Forces who  
33 were legal residents of Hawaii at the time they were  
34 killed in action or stationed in Hawaii by a proper order  
35 of the United States Department of Defense at the time  
36 they were killed in action; or  
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- 38 • Members of the Hawaii National Guard or United States  
39 Military Reserves who were activated into service, or  
40 members of the Regular United States Armed Forces, who  
41 attended a school in Hawaii at some period during their  
42 lives and were killed in action; and



1 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Hawaii are enormously  
2 grateful for the service provided by the brave men and women in  
3 the military, are greatly saddened by the loss of each armed  
4 forces member, and stand by the surviving family members in  
5 support and with aloha; and

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7 WHEREAS, the service members will be forever remembered for  
8 their ultimate act of bravery as heroes who sacrificed their  
9 lives so others could be free; now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
12 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
13 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature,  
14 pursuant to section 5-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, awards, on  
15 behalf of the people of Hawaii, the Hawaii Medal of Honor to:

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17 • United States Army Sergeant Tofiga J. Tautolo;  
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19 • United States Air Force Captain Reid K. Nishizuka;  
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21 • United States Army Sergeant Drew M. Scobie; and  
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23 • United States Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Edward Balli;  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature honors and  
27 remembers the sacrifices of these armed forces heroes with ties  
28 to Hawaii who fought and died bravely for the United States of  
29 America and sends its heartfelt appreciation and sympathy to  
30 surviving family members; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the names of these recipients  
33 be entered on the Hawaii Medal of Honor Roll; and  
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the two houses of the  
36 Legislature assemble in Joint Session in the Chambers of the  
37 House of Representatives at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25,  
38 2014, to present the Hawaii Medal of Honor to the family or  
39 representative of each recipient.  
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