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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE COMMEMORATING AND HONORING OF VETERANS BY HOSTING A VETERANS DAY PARADE IN HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, an armistice was established on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of 1918 effectively ending World War I; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 1926, the United States Congress passed a concurrent resolution calling for November 11 to be "commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations" and requested that the President of the United States "issue a proclamation calling upon officials to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches or other suitable places with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with other peoples"; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed legislation in 1938 to honor World War I veterans and dedicate November 11 to "the cause of peace", in a holiday known as Armistice Day; and

WHEREAS, no one can never fully repay the debt of gratitude to the more than six hundred fifty thousand American service men and women who lost their lives in battle or the 1,400,000 who were wounded; and

WHEREAS, while deceased veterans are also remembered on Veterans Day, the day is set aside to thank and honor living veterans who served honorably in the military in peacetime or wartime; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that there are currently one hundred twenty thousand veterans living in Hawaii who can be recognized and thanked; and

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WHEREAS, it is a privilege to express mahalo to all veterans and to express appreciation for their service and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Honolulu is the state capitol and an ideal location to have a parade in appreciation of the State's veterans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, that this body urges the Governor to direct the State Department of Defense to host a parade in Honolulu honoring veterans in celebration of Veterans Day; and

 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Adjutant General of the Board of the Department of Defense, and the Director of the Office of Veterans' Services.

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