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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM THE STATE OF HAWAII AS A PURPLE HEART STATE IN HONOR OF THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF OUR NATION'S UNIFORMED ARMED SERVICES PERSONNEL WHO WERE WOUNDED OR KILLED WHILE PROTECTING OUR FREEDOM.

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart Medal is a United States military decoration awarded in the name of the President of the United States to those military service personnel who are killed or wounded while serving; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart Medal is the oldest military award given to members of the United States military; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Hawaii greatly admire and appreciate the military members who serve our country in the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, veterans have paid a price of freedom by leaving their families and communities to place themselves in harm's way for the greater good of all; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the members of the military from Hawaii have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, many men and women in uniform have paid the ultimate price by giving their lives while serving in the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of our community have earned the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while engaging in combat with an enemy force, a singularly meritorious act of essential service; and

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WHEREAS, August 7, 2017, was officially designated as the day in the State of Hawaii to remember and recognize veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor is requested to proclaim the State of Hawaii as a Purple Heart State in honor of the service and sacrifice of our nation's uniformed armed services personnel who were wounded or killed while protecting our freedom; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.

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