
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING VICE ADMIRAL JOHN WADE ON HIS SUCCESS AS THE
COMMANDER OF THE JOINT TASK FORCE-RED HILL IN DEFUELING THE
RED HILL BULK FUEL STORAGE FACILITY.

1 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives is proud to honor and
2 recognize outstanding individuals who contribute to the
3 advancement and service of Hawaii's communities; and
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5 WHEREAS, in November 2021, fuel leaked from the Red Hill
6 Bulk Fuel Storage Facility into one of Oahu's primary aquifers,
7 which led to contamination of the Navy's water distribution
8 system; and
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10 WHEREAS, in December 2021 and May 2022, the Department of
11 Health issued emergency orders requiring the Navy to cease all
12 operations at the facility and defuel Red Hill's operational
13 underground fuel storage tanks; and
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15 WHEREAS, in September 2022, the Secretary of Defense
16 appointed VICE ADMIRAL JOHN WADE as the Commander of Joint Task
17 Force-Red Hill to coordinate the safe and expeditious defueling
18 and closure of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility with
19 state and federal stakeholders, while also rebuilding trust with
20 Oahu's communities and the State of Hawaii; and
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22 WHEREAS, VICE ADMIRAL JOHN WADE built a team with a wealth
23 of knowledge due to their range of military and civilian
24 backgrounds within the Department of Defense and Hawaii Army and
25 Air National Guard; and
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27 WHEREAS, VICE ADMIRAL JOHN WADE developed collaborative
28 relationships and routinely coordinated and shared information
29 with Hawaii's Congressional delegation and Congressional
30 committees, the Governor, Honolulu Mayor, numerous state
31 legislators and committees, federal and state regulatory



1 agencies, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, United States
2 Indo-Pacific Command, the Department of the Navy, United States
3 Transportation Command, and the Defense Logistics Agency; and
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5 WHEREAS, VICE ADMIRAL JOHN WADE was also committed to
6 keeping the public and military families informed through
7 frequent community and media engagements; and
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9 WHEREAS, VICE ADMIRAL JOHN WADE was receptive to critical
10 feedback and responded to such by incorporating community
11 suggestions into the defueling plan to reduce the risks
12 associated with these procedures; and
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14 WHEREAS, under VICE ADMIRAL JOHN WADE's leadership, the
15 Joint Task Force-Red Hill was able to safely and successfully
16 remove over 104 million gallons of fuel six months earlier than
17 expected under the original Defueling Plan; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
21 Session of 2024, that this body hereby congratulates VICE
22 ADMIRAL JOHN WADE on his success as the Commander of Joint Task
23 Force-Red Hill in defueling the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage
24 Facility while rebuilding trust throughout the State and with
25 Oahu's communities, and extends to him its warmest aloha and
26 best wishes in all future endeavors.
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