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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COMPTROLLER TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO  
DISCUSS AND DRAFT PLANS FOR A GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR MEMORIAL  
ON THE GROUNDS OF THE HAWAII STATE CAPITOL.

1           WHEREAS, since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001,  
2 members of the United States Armed Forces have participated in  
3 the Global War on Terror, including operations such as Operation  
4 Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, in defense of the  
5 United States and to promote global security; and  
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7           WHEREAS, the people of Hawaii have a long tradition of  
8 military service, and the military remains a significant part of  
9 the State's communities, with tens of thousands of active-duty  
10 personnel, National Guard members, and veterans residing in  
11 Hawaii; and  
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13           WHEREAS, according to estimates, more than three thousand  
14 five hundred members of the Hawaii National Guard alone have  
15 deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan in support of the Global War on  
16 Terror, with a high percentage of these Guard personnel  
17 mobilized for overseas service since 2001; and  
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19           WHEREAS, Hawaii is home to a substantial veteran population  
20 -- approximately 21.8 percent of Hawaii's living veterans  
21 reported having enlisted in or after September 2001, indicating  
22 service during the Global War on Terror era -- reflecting the  
23 contribution of Hawaii's servicemembers to post-9/11 conflicts  
24 worldwide; and  
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26           WHEREAS, the sacrifices made by these servicemembers  
27 include years of overseas duty; separation from family and  
28 friends; the inherent risks of combat; and in many cases, long-  
29 term effects on health and well-being; and  
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31           WHEREAS, while other conflicts are commemorated by  
32 memorials and monuments across the nation, the service and



1 sacrifices of Hawaii's veterans of the Global War on Terror are  
2 not yet recognized by a dedicated memorial on the grounds of the  
3 Hawaii State Capitol; and

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5 WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate for the State to  
6 honor those who served, along with their families and the  
7 broader community affected by this extended period of military  
8 commitment; and

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10 WHEREAS, the establishment of a working group with  
11 representatives from veterans' organizations, military entities,  
12 state agencies, families of servicemembers, and other  
13 stakeholders would ensure thoughtful planning and community  
14 input for an appropriately designed memorial to commemorate the  
15 Global War on Terror; now, therefore,

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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
18 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
19 of 2026, that the Comptroller is requested to establish a  
20 working group to discuss and draft plans for a Global War on  
21 Terror memorial on the grounds of the Hawaii State Capitol; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group consist of:

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25 (1) The Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee;  
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27 (2) The Adjutant General, or the Adjutant General's  
28 designee;  
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30 (3) The Commander of the Hawaii Army National Guard, or  
31 the Commander's designee;  
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33 (4) The Commander of the Hawaii Air National Guard, or the  
34 Commander's designee;  
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36 (5) The Director of the Office of Veterans' Services, or  
37 the Director's designee;  
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39 (6) Representatives of active-duty members and the reserve  
40 components of the United States Armed Forces;  
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42 (7) Representatives from veterans' organizations;



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- (8) Architects, planners, and designers with experience in the construction of memorials; and
- (9) Family members of servicemembers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to:

- (1) Discuss and draft plans for the creation of a Global War on Terror memorial on the grounds of the Hawaii State Capitol, including potential themes, locations, design principles, and estimated costs;
- (2) Consult with veterans, active-duty service members, military family organizations, and community groups to gather input and recommendations;
- (3) Develop a plan and timeline for the design and construction of the Global War on Terror memorial, including, if appropriate, fundraising or requests for appropriations from the State; and
- (4) Submit to the Legislature and Governor a final report with recommendations and proposed plans by a date to be determined by the working group; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting and General Services shall provide any necessary administrative support to the working group, including the preparation and drafting of the final report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller; Adjutant General; Commander of the Hawaii Army National Guard; Commander of the Hawaii Air National Guard; and Director of the Office of Veterans' Services.

OFFERED BY:



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