
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 its 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 of armed forces training and
15 preparation, the State of Hawaii sent many of its own National
16 Guard and Military Reserves service members and United States
17 Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy service members to
18 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 were called to serve in some of the
27 most dangerous areas of Iraq and Afghanistan and came into
28 contact with opposing forces on a daily basis; and



1 WHEREAS, it is 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:
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10 - An action against an enemy of the United States; or
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12 - Military operations involving conflict with opposing
13 foreign force;
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17 • Serving:
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19 - With friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed
20 conflict against an opposing armed force in which the
21 United States is not a belligerent party; or
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23 - In a combat zone as designated by presidential order;
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27 WHEREAS, to be a recipient of the Hawaii Medal of Honor, at
28 the time the armed forces member was killed in action, the
29 recipient must also have been a member of:
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31 • The Hawaii National Guard, the United States Military
32 Reserves, or the Regular United States Armed Forces, who
33 was:
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35 - A legal resident of Hawaii; or
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37 - An attendee of a school in Hawaii at some time during
38 the life of the member;
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- 1 • The regular United States armed forces, who was:
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- 3 - A legal resident of the State of Hawaii; or
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- 5 - Stationed in Hawaii by a proper order of the United
- 6 States Department of Defense;
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9 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Hawaii are grateful and
10 saddened by the loss of each armed forces member and stand by
11 the surviving family members in support and with aloha; and
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13 WHEREAS, the service members will be forever remembered for
14 their ultimate act of bravery as heroes who sacrificed their
15 lives so others could be free; now, therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
18 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
19 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature, pursuant
20 to Act 21, Session Laws of Hawaii of 2005, awards, on behalf of
21 the people of Hawaii, the Hawaii Medal of Honor to:
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- 23 • Sgt. Eugene Williams,
- 24 • Staff Sgt. Cameron B. Sarno,
- 25 • Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth,
- 26 • Sgt. 1st Class Kelly Bolor,
- 27 • 2nd Lt. Jeremy Wolfe,
- 28 • Chief Warrant Officer Ian D. Manuel,
- 29 • Pfc. Ernest H. Sutphin,
- 30 • Pfc. John D. Amos II,
- 31 • Staff Sgt. Oscar D. Medina,
- 32 • Spc. Ramon C. Ojeda,
- 33 • Spc. Philip L. Witkowski,
- 34 • Staff Sgt. Todd E. Nunes,
- 35 • Cpl. David M. Fraise,
- 36 • Spc. Joseph F. Herndon II,
- 37 • Sgt. Daniel Lee Galvan,
- 38 • Spc. Joseph C. Thibodeaux III,
- 39 • Spc. Wesley R. Wells,



- 1 • Pfc. Joshua Kuile Paul Titcomb,
- 2 • Pfc. Jeungjin Nikky N. Kim,
- 3 • Spc. Kyle K. Fernandez,
- 4 • Staff Sgt. Brian S. Hobbs,
- 5 • Chief Warrant Officer 3 William I. Brennan,
- 6 • Capt. Christopher B. Johnson,
- 7 • Lance Cpl. Richard P. Slocum,
- 8 • Cpl. Billy Gomez,
- 9 • Lance Cpl. Jeremy D. Bow,
- 10 • Lance Cpl. John T. Byrd II,
- 11 • Sgt. Kelley L. Courtney,
- 12 • Lance Cpl. Travis A. Fox,
- 13 • Cpl. Christopher J. Lapka,
- 14 • Pfc. John Lukac,
- 15 • Lance Cpl. Andrew G. Riedel,
- 16 • Lance Cpl. Michael P. Scarborough,
- 17 • Lance Cpl. Aaron C. Pickering,
- 18 • Petty Officer Julian Woods,
- 19 • Lance Cpl. David M. Branning,
- 20 • Lance Cpl. Brian A. Medina,
- 21 • Sgt. Rafael Peralta,
- 22 • Pfc. Jose Ricardo Flores-Mejia,
- 23 • Spc. Daniel James McConnell,
- 24 • Lance Cpl. Michael A. Downey,
- 25 • Cpl. Michael R. Cohen,
- 26 • Cpl. Jacob R. Fleischer,
- 27 • Cpl. Dale E. Fracker Jr.,
- 28 • Chief Warrant Officer 2 Travis W. Grogan,
- 29 • Lt. Colonel Michael J. McMahon,
- 30 • Spc. Harley D.R. Miller,
- 31 • Lance Cpl. Blake A. Magaoay,
- 32 • Spc. Isaac E. Diaz,
- 33 • Spc. David P. Mahlenbrock,
- 34 • Lance Cpl. Jeffrey S. Blanton,
- 35 • Lance Cpl. Franklin A. Sweger,
- 36 • 1st Lt. Nainoa K. Hoe,
- 37 • Staff Sgt. Brian D. Bland,
- 38 • Lance Cpl. Jonathan E. Etterling,



- 1 • Sgt. Michael W. Finke Jr.,
- 2 • 1st Lt. Travis J. Fuller,
- 3 • Cpl. Timothy M. Gibson,
- 4 • Cpl. Richard A. Gilbert Jr.,
- 5 • Cpl. Kyle J. Grimes,
- 6 • Lance Cpl. Brian C. Hopper,
- 7 • Lance Cpl. Saeed Jafarkhani-Torshizi Jr.,
- 8 • Cpl. Stephen P. Johnson,
- 9 • Cpl. Sean P. Kelly,
- 10 • Lance Cpl. Allan Klein,
- 11 • Cpl. Timothy A. Knight,
- 12 • Lance Cpl. Fred L. Maciel,
- 13 • Cpl. James L. Moore,
- 14 • Cpl. Nathaniel K. Moore,
- 15 • Lance Cpl. Mourad Ragimov,
- 16 • Lance Cpl. Rhonald Dain Rairdan,
- 17 • Lance Cpl. Hector Ramos,
- 18 • Lance Cpl. Gael Saintvil,
- 19 • Lance Cpl. Darrell J. Schumann,
- 20 • Cpl. Nathan A. Shubert,
- 21 • 1st Lt. Dustin M. Shumney,
- 22 • Cpl. Matthew R. Smith,
- 23 • Lance Cpl. Joseph B. Spence,
- 24 • Lance Cpl. Michael L. Starr Jr.,
- 25 • Petty Officer 3rd Class John D. House,
- 26 • Pfc. Stephen A. Castellano,
- 27 • Lance Cpl. Sean P. Maher,
- 28 • Spc. Glenn J. Watkins,
- 29 • Sgt. Maj. Barbaralien Banks,
- 30 • Master Sgt. Edwin A. Matos-Colon,
- 31 • Pfc. Kevin S.K. Wessel,
- 32 • Lance Cpl. Nicholas C. Kirven,
- 33 • Cpl. Richard P. Schoener,
- 34 • Sgt. Arnold Duplantier II,
- 35 • Lance Cpl. Kevin B. Joyce,
- 36 • Senior Chief Information Systems Technician (SEAL) Daniel
- 37 R. Healy,
- 38 • Machinist's Mate 2nd Class (SEAL) Eric S. Patton,



- 1 • Quartermaster 2nd Class (SEAL) James Suh,
2 • Lt. Michael P. Murphy,
3 • Sonar Technician (Surface) 2nd Class (SEAL) Matthew G.
4 Axelson,
5 • Sgt. Deyson K. Cariaga,
6 • Staff Sgt. Frank F. Tiai,
7 • Spc. Ray Michael Fuhrmann II,
8 • Lance Cpl. Philip C. George,
9 • Sgt. Alfredo B. Silva,
10 • Spc. Mike T. Sonoda Jr.,
11 • SFC Daniel R. Scheile,
12 • Sgt. Paul C. Neubauer,
13 • Lance Cpl. Steven A. Valdez,
14 • Sgt. Jerry L. Bonifacio,
15 • Sgt. Evans S. Parker,
16 • Capt. Michael J. MacKinnon,
17 • Col. William W. Wood,
18 • Capt. Raymond D. Hill II,
19 • Sgt. Shaker T. Guy,
20 • Sgt. Wilgene T. Lieto,
21 • Spc. Derence W. Jack,
22 • Sgt. Daniel A. Tsue,
23 • Sgt. Myla L. Maravillosa,
24 • Spc. Marcelino R. Corniel,
25 • Chief Warrant Officer 2 Ruel M. Garcia,
26 • Pvt. Lewis T.D. Calapini,
27 • Lance Cpl. Billy D. Brixey Jr.,
28 • Petty Officer 3rd Class John T. Fralish, and
29 • Pfc. Matthew L. Bertolino,

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31 and honors and remembers the sacrifice of these armed forces
32 heroes with ties to Hawaii who fought and died bravely for the
33 United States of America, and sends its heartfelt appreciation
34 and sympathy to surviving family members; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the names of these recipients
37 be entered on the Hawaii Medal of Honor Roll; and
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H.C.R. NO. 329

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the two houses of the
2 Legislature assemble in Joint Session in the Chambers of the
3 House of Representatives at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18,
4 2006, for the purpose of presenting the Hawaii Medal of Honor to
5 the family or representative of the recipients.

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OFFERED BY: _____

Calvin K. Iyama

