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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

CALLING UPON THE GOVERNOR TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO WITHDRAW  
THE HAWAII ARMY AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS FROM IRAQ  
NOW.

1           WHEREAS, the Legislature strongly supports the men and  
2 women who serve in Iraq and recognizes the sacrifices that each  
3 of them with their families are making; and  
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5           WHEREAS, in October 2002, the United States Congress  
6 adopted a Joint resolution to authorize the use of United States  
7 Armed Forces in Iraq based on information that was not true, and  
8 in fact there was no immediate threat to the United States by  
9 Iraq, there were no weapons of mass destruction, and Saddam  
10 Hussein was not involved with the attacks on September 11, 2001;  
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13           WHEREAS, the majority of Americans have been troubled by  
14 the direction of the war in Iraq and support the withdrawal of  
15 United States troops, but there has been as of this date, no  
16 exit strategy; and  
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18           WHEREAS, the costs involved with the deployment of Army and  
19 Air National Guard from Hawaii have been significant, and Hawaii  
20 has met the call by having the highest ratio of reservists and  
21 National Guard soldiers on active duty of any other state in the  
22 Union; and  
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24           WHEREAS, the costs to our Hawaii o`hana have been great,  
25 with the removal of needed firefighters, police officers,  
26 nurses, mechanics, teachers, doctors, dentists, pilots, lawyers,  
27 legislators, and working people in all segments of our society,  
28 many with families; and  
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30           WHEREAS, it can be argued that the use of Air and Army  
31 National Guard in the Iraq War constitutes a cost-savings to the  
32 federal government as injured Air and Army National Guard  
33 personnel are not provided the same medical care opportunities;  
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2 WHEREAS, the costs to our Hawaii o`hana are being played  
3 out in lives lost, damaged bodies, psychic trauma, family  
4 disruption, financial hardships for individuals, families, and  
5 businesses, career interruptions, and the tearing apart of the  
6 civic life of many communities in Hawaii, and with long-term  
7 consequences; and

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9 WHEREAS, these are costs that would be understood  
10 rationally and suffered willingly were there a credible threat  
11 to our nation, but which are not tolerable when there is no such  
12 threat; and

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14 WHEREAS, many people in Hawaii joined the Army and the Air  
15 National Guard thinking that they would be serving their  
16 neighbors and community in the event of an Hawaii-based  
17 emergency, absent a danger to the United States requiring  
18 transfer to active duty; and

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20 WHEREAS, stop-loss orders violate the mutual understanding  
21 between Hawaii residents in the Guard and the State and nation  
22 they agreed to serve; and

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24 WHEREAS, Hawaii is the most isolated archipelago on the  
25 planet, far removed from exterior emergency relief; and

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27 WHEREAS, there are strong reasons to believe that the  
28 federalization and deployment of Air and Army National Guard  
29 members have rendered the remaining Guard force unable to carry  
30 out its state activities effectively should there be a  
31 hurricane, tsunami, volcanic eruption, or other natural  
32 disaster, a terrorist attack, or a health crisis such as avian  
33 flu; and

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35 WHEREAS, Pentagon officials have announced that in 2006 the  
36 National Guard's role in the war in Iraq and Afghanistan is to  
37 be reduced from over fifty per cent of the forces committed to  
38 twenty per cent; now, therefore,

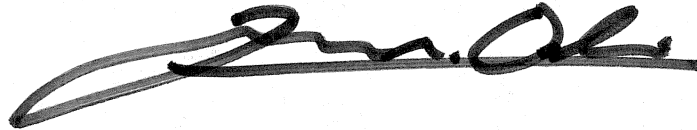
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40 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
41 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
42 of 2006, that the Governor of Hawaii is called upon to ensure  
43 that the President and Congress take immediate steps to withdraw  
44 all Hawaii Air and Army National Guard troops from Iraq now; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
3 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the President of the  
4 United States, and each member of Hawaii's Congressional  
5 Delegation.

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