
HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE EFFORTS AND BRAVERY OF THE SOLDIERS OF THE HAWAII
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND THE HAWAII ARMY RESERVE AND THE
AIRMEN AND AIRWOMEN OF THE HAWAII AIR NATIONAL GUARD ON
THEIR PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE SERVICES TO OUR STATE,
NATION, AND THE WORLD AS WE COMBAT THE WAR ON TERRORISM.

1 WHEREAS, the richness and vitality of our State are due in
2 part to the invaluable personal contributions and meritorious
3 acts of individuals who are committed to enhancing the well-
4 being of our nation to go beyond what is expected of them to
5 assist others in times of need; and
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7 WHEREAS, United States and coalition forces have been
8 conducting Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring
9 Freedom missions in Iraq and Afghanistan since October 7, 2001,
10 against Taliban and Al Qaeda forces, in retaliation for the
11 September 11th terrorist attacks and to prevent further terrorist
12 attacks around the world; and
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14 WHEREAS, troops from all over the nation have faced
15 deployment to join those currently on tours of duty in what the
16 United States Department of Defense has described as the largest
17 series of troop rotations since World War II; and
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19 WHEREAS, the 29TH BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, under the command of
20 Brigadier General Joseph Chaves, is the Hawaii Army National
21 Guard's major combat unit and includes soldiers from the 100th
22 Battalion, 442nd Infantry of the United States Army Reserve and
23 is truly a Pan-Pacific brigade with units and installations
24 located on islands throughout the State of Hawaii, in the states
25 of California, Minnesota, and Oregon, and on the Pacific islands
26 of American Samoa, Guam, and Saipan; and



1 WHEREAS, having been last activated in 1968 when the United
2 States forces fought in Vietnam, the 29TH BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, a
3 6000-member citizen soldier force, has been one of the nation's
4 elite enhanced readiness brigades, a distinction that means the
5 brigade must be trained and equipped to deploy within 90 days of
6 a federal call-up, to become one of 34 brigade combat teams in
7 the Army National Guard's arsenal; and

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9 WHEREAS, upon federal mobilization, the 29TH BRIGADE COMBAT
10 TEAM's strength is augmented by the 1st Battalion, 184th Infantry
11 of the California Army National Guard; 100th Battalion, 442nd
12 Infantry of the United States Army Reserve (with units from
13 Oahu, Guam, American Samoa, and Saipan); Troop F, 82nd Cavalry
14 (Ground) of the Oregon Army National Guard; and Battery E, 216th
15 Air Defense Artillery of the Minnesota Army National Guard; and

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17 WHEREAS, the 29TH BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM as part of the Hawaii
18 Army National Guard, has continued to carry out its mission to
19 serve as an integral component of the Army by providing fully-
20 manned, operational ready, and well-equipped units that can
21 respond to any national contingency such as war as part of the
22 United States Army, peaceful missions, or national building
23 operations, and to provide a highly effective, professional, and
24 organized force able to respond to natural and man-made
25 disasters and the unique needs of the state; and

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27 WHEREAS, as a key element in the Army multi-component unit
28 force of the 29th Brigade Combat Team, the 100TH BATTALION, 442ND
29 INFANTRY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE, under the command of
30 Lieutenant Colonel Colbert Low, provided trained and ready
31 soldiers and units with the critical combat service support and
32 combat support capabilities necessary to support national
33 strategy during peacetime, contingencies, and war; and

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35 WHEREAS, serving as the Army Reserve's only ground combat
36 unit, the 100TH BATTALION, 442ND INFANTRY OF THE UNITED STATES
37 ARMY RESERVE carried out neighborhood searches, monitored
38 traffic-control points, and conducted civic action projects for
39 local Iraqi citizens in neighboring villages, in addition to
40 serving its primary mission of base defense, and confiscated or
41 destroyed more than 400 weapons, including AK-47 rifles, more
42 than 15 mortar tubes, hundreds of artillery rounds, mortar
43 rounds and rockets, and more than 50 rocket-propelled grenade
44 launchers and homemade rocket launchers; and



1 WHEREAS, also serving a vital role in the defense of our
 2 country is the HAWAII AIR NATIONAL GUARD component of the Hawaii
 3 National Guard, providing organized, trained units to protect
 4 Hawaii's citizens and property, preserving peace, ensuring
 5 public safety in response to natural or man-made disasters, and
 6 providing operationally ready combat units, combat support units
 7 and qualified personnel for active duty in the United States Air
 8 Force in time of war, national emergency, or operational
 9 contingency; and

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 11 WHEREAS, through the deployment of the 203rd Air Refueling
 12 Squadron, the 154th Security Forces Squadron, the 291 Combat
 13 Communications Squadron, the 297th Air Traffic Control Squadron,
 14 the 154th Civil Engineering Squadron, and the 154th Medical Group,
 15 the airmen and airwomen of the HAWAII AIR NATIONAL GUARD, under
 16 the command of Major General Darryll D. Wong, played an
 17 intricate and significant role in defending America's freedom;
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 20 WHEREAS, with a dual mission that requires being part of
 21 the nation's full military force during times of national crisis
 22 while also being responsible to the respective states during
 23 times of state or community emergencies, the HAWAII NATIONAL
 24 GUARD maintains a proud heritage of strength and diversity; now,
 25 therefore,

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 27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 28 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 29 of 2006, that this body hereby expresses its deepest gratitude
 30 to the soldiers of the HAWAII ARMY NATIONAL GUARD and the HAWAII
 31 ARMY RESERVE, and the airmen and airwomen of the HAWAII AIR
 32 NATIONAL GUARD for their service to our state, nation, and the
 33 world, and recognizes and applauds their deeds, bravery, and
 34 sacrifice, and extends to all of these brave men and women its
 35 aloha and best wishes in all future endeavors.

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