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## SENATE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE RELOCATION OF THE PACIFIC CENTER FOR RESIDENTIAL  
REHABILITATION PROGRAM TO THE HILO VETERANS HOME.

1           WHEREAS, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs  
2 Pacific Center for Residential Rehabilitation Program, also  
3 known as the VA Hilo Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Residential  
4 Rehabilitation Program, started in 1992 with support of Hawaii's  
5 congressional delegation, with the first program providing  
6 services to veterans at the Naniloa Hotel in Hilo in 1993; and  
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8           WHEREAS, the Pacific Center for Residential Rehabilitation  
9 Program moved to its present location in Hilo at 891 Ululani  
10 Street in 1995, with sixteen beds for veterans programs on a  
11 seven-week cycle with seven cycles per year; and  
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13           WHEREAS, the Pacific Center for Residential Rehabilitation  
14 Program has a budget of over \$1,800,000, with a professional  
15 staff of fifteen persons and has served over one thousand  
16 veterans from World War II to Desert Storm throughout Hawaii,  
17 Guam, and American Samoa; and  
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19           WHEREAS, because of the ongoing armed conflicts in Iraq and  
20 Afghanistan, the Pacific Center for Residential Rehabilitation  
21 Program is expected to serve many more veterans; and  
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23           WHEREAS, in order for any veterans' program to be  
24 effective, the services it provides should be centrally located  
25 to promote the ease of accessibility to the constituency it  
26 serves; and  
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28           WHEREAS, the soon to be built Hilo Veterans Home is  
29 projected to have one hundred beds to provide long term care to  
30 veterans; and  
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32           WHEREAS, in addition to medical care, the Hilo Veterans  
33 Home is planning to establish a peer support group program led  
34 by volunteer veterans who will help veterans residing in the  
35 Hilo Veterans Home and in the surrounding community; and



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2 WHEREAS, for these reasons, the ideal place for the Pacific  
3 Center for Residential Rehabilitation Program to be situated is  
4 the Hilo Veterans Home; now, therefore,  
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,  
8 that the Legislature supports the relocation of the United  
9 States Department of Veterans Affairs Pacific Center for  
10 Residential Rehabilitation Program to the Hilo Veterans Home  
11 once the home is completed; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
14 Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the United States  
15 Department of Veterans Affairs, the Director of the United  
16 States Department of Veterans Affairs Honolulu District Office,  
17 and each member of Hawaii's congressional delegation.  
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