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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING LIEUTENANT EHREN WATADA.

1 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Ehren Watada, based on his conviction
2 of a moral and legal obligation to the Constitution of the
3 United States and at great personal sacrifice and risk, is the
4 first commissioned officer to publicly refuse deployment to
5 Iraq; and
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7 WHEREAS, President Bush and his administration misled the
8 American public, Congress, and the World to gain support for
9 launching a preemptive attack against Iraq, which was not for
10 the purpose of national defense and was in violation of the
11 Constitution of the United States, the Charter of the United
12 Nations and the Geneva Conventions; and
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14 WHEREAS, tens of thousands of Iraqi civilians and more than
15 three thousand American troops have already been killed in this
16 war; and
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18 WHEREAS, this war has raided and diverted important
19 resources in this country which could better be utilized toward
20 education, healthcare, the environment, and Social Security; and
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22 WHEREAS, the Bush Administration continues to promote this
23 war in direct opposition to the citizens of the United States,
24 who, by an overwhelming margin, now agree with Lieutenant Watada
25 that this war was a mistake; and
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27 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Watada, having been formally charged
28 with contempt toward President Bush, conduct unbecoming of an
29 officer and gentleman, and missing troop movement, now faces a
30 court martial and seven years in jail; and
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32 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Watada has demonstrated courage,
33 patriotism, and resolution in swearing allegiance not to one



1 man, but to a document of principles and laws designed to
2 protect the people; and
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4 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Watada needs massive public support to
5 pressure the military not to "make an example" of him and
6 unjustly sentence him to jail; now, therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
9 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the
10 House of Representatives concurring, that this body expresses
11 its complete support for Lieutenant Watada and honors him as a
12 true patriot; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
16 United States, members of the Congressional delegation of the
17 State of Hawaii, and the Commanding General of Fort Lewis and I
18 Corps.
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By Request

