
HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING COASTAL WINDOWS, INC., AND ITS VICE PRESIDENT MR. BOB
BARRETT FOR RECEIVING THE 2008 SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
EMPLOYER SUPPORT FREEDOM AWARD.

1 WHEREAS, with almost one-half of the United States military
2 comprising the National Guard and Reserve, the Department of
3 Defense shares these citizen warriors with their civilian
4 employers, many of whom provide significant support to their
5 employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve; and
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7 WHEREAS, in a series of employer recognition awards given
8 by the Department of Defense, the Secretary of Defense Employer
9 Support Freedom Award is the highest recognition given by the
10 United States Government to employers for their support of their
11 employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve; and
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13 WHEREAS, instituted in 1996 under the auspices of the
14 National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve
15 (ESGR), a Department of Defense agency established in 1972 whose
16 mission is to gain and maintain employer support for Guard and
17 Reserve Service by recognizing outstanding support, increasing
18 awareness of the law, and resolving conflicts through mediation,
19 the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award was
20 created to publicly recognize employers who provide exceptional
21 support to their National Guard and Reserve employees; and
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23 WHEREAS, a family-owned and -operated construction business
24 located in Waipahu, Hawaii which employs 62 people, COASTAL
25 WINDOWS, INC., maintains all of its deployed employees' benefits
26 for the entire length of deployment to help ease the burden on
27 families of deployed employees and often sends care packages to
28 its deployed employees, maintains regular contact with them and
29 their family members, and ensures that spouses are invited to
30 company functions; and



1 WHEREAS, COASTAL WINDOWS, INC., extends its support of the
2 military to the community by participating in the Marine Corps
3 "Toys for Tots" program each year and has also provided a window
4 for a SWAT vehicle used by the Army Rangers; and
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6 WHEREAS, on September 18, 2008, COASTAL WINDOWS, INC., and
7 its Vice President Mr. Bob Barrett, who has been described as "a
8 loving boss with a big heart," were honored with the 2008
9 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award; now,
10 therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
13 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
14 of 2009, that this body hereby congratulates and commends
15 COASTAL WINDOWS, INC., and its Vice President, Mr. Bob Barrett,
16 for receiving the 2008 Secretary of Defense Employer Support
17 Freedom Award and becoming the first company in Hawaii to earn
18 this honor, and extends to them its warmest aloha and best
19 wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.
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