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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING 2009 AS THE YEAR OF THE NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER  
CORPS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

1           WHEREAS, the United States Army's professional  
2 Noncommissioned Officer Corps has a proud history and has  
3 distinguished itself throughout the world as the backbone of the  
4 Army by leading the way with two tasks in mind: obeying the  
5 orders of the Corps' superior officers to accomplish the  
6 mission, and looking out for the welfare of the Corps' soldiers;  
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9           WHEREAS, noncommissioned officers in the Noncommissioned  
10 Officer Corps occupy a position of respect and leadership, and  
11 have performed fundamental tasks such as serving as small unit  
12 leaders, technical experts, trainers, and perhaps most  
13 importantly, as guardians of the Army's standards; and

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15           WHEREAS, the United States Army depends on the knowledge  
16 and timeless qualities of leadership and courage that these  
17 dedicated men and women possess, assigning them to lead the  
18 charge from the front on today's battlefields in Operation Iraqi  
19 Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and the  
20 Philippines, and in other locations throughout the world; and

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22           WHEREAS, noncommissioned officers and their families have  
23 made daily sacrifices and exemplified courage and a deep sense  
24 of patriotism in their commitment to provide continual and  
25 invaluable service to our State and to this great nation, and  
26 have demonstrated their dedication and willingness to sacrifice  
27 on behalf of their fellow Americans; and

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29           WHEREAS, the Noncommissioned Officer Corps of the United  
30 States Army has faced danger, endured hardships, and made the  
31 ultimate sacrifice to defend our nation's freedoms; now,  
32 therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the  
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature urges  
4 the Governor to proclaim 2009 as the Year of the Noncommissioned  
5 Officer Corps of the United States Army; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Secretary  
9 of the Army, the Chief of Staff of the United States Army, the  
10 Commander of the United States Pacific Command, and members of  
11 Hawaii's congressional delegation.