

LATE TESTIMONY



Testimony to the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

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**RE: SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47 AND SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 28,
PROCLAIMING 2009 AS THE YEAR OF THE ARMY NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER CORPS OF THE UNITED
STATES ARMY**

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Bunda, and members of the committee.

My name is Charles Ota and I am the Vice President for Military Affairs at The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii (The Chamber). I am here to state The Chamber's support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No.47 and Senate Resolution No. 28, proclaiming 2009 as the year of the Noncommissioned Officer Corps of the United States Army.

The Chamber's Military Affairs Council (MAC) serves as the liaison for the state in matters relating to the U.S. military and provides oversight for the State's multi-billion dollar defense industry.

The measures propose to proclaim 2009 as the year of the Army Noncommissioned Officer Corps of the United States Army.

The Chamber concurs that the Noncommissioned Corps of the United States Army continues to distinguish itself as the backbone of the United States Army in its service to the United States and all free Nations of the world, and supports approval of both measures.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.