
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO WORK WITH THE HAWAII LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, THE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENTS, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, THE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAWAII, THE STATE OF HAWAII ORGANIZATION OF POLICE OFFICERS, AND THE CONCERNS OF POLICE SURVIVORS INCORPORATED, TO PLAN AND CONSTRUCT A HAWAII STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL.

1 WHEREAS, since the first recorded police death in 1792,
2 there have been more than eighteen thousand two hundred law
3 enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in this country;
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6 WHEREAS, there are more than nine hundred thousand sworn
7 law enforcement officers, twelve per cent of whom are female,
8 now serving in the United States; and

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10 WHEREAS, of the officers who sacrificed their lives during
11 the past one hundred years, sixty per cent of them served with
12 municipal departments, eighteen per cent were county officers,
13 fifteen per cent served with state agencies, five per cent were
14 federal officers, and two per cent served with agencies from
15 United States territories; and

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17 WHEREAS, a total of 1,671 law enforcement officers died in
18 the line of duty during the past ten years, an average of one
19 death every fifty-three hours or one hundred sixty-seven deaths
20 per year; and

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22 WHEREAS, there were a total of sixty-five law enforcement
23 officers killed in 2009; and

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1 WHEREAS, fifty law enforcement officers have lost their
2 lives in the line of duty in Hawaii according to the National
3 Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund; and
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5 WHEREAS, several states have erected memorials honoring
6 local law enforcement personnel who have died in the line of
7 duty, including California, Oregon, Florida, Michigan, Oklahoma,
8 Missouri, and Kentucky to name a few; and
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10 WHEREAS, with the construction of a Hawaii State Law
11 Enforcement Memorial, the Legislature, along with the families
12 of fallen officers, will forever honor their service, which was
13 selflessly given to the people of Hawaii; now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
16 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
17 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
18 Accounting and General Services is requested to work with
19 representatives, or their designees, from the Hawaii Law
20 Enforcement Memorial Foundation, the county police departments,
21 the Department of Public Safety, the United States Marshals
22 Service, the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers,
23 the Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc., the Chairperson of the
24 House of Representatives Committee on Public Safety, and the
25 Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and
26 Military Affairs to plan and construct the Hawaii State Law
27 Enforcement Memorial to be located on the grounds of the Hawaii
28 State Capitol; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Legislature requests that:
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- 32 (1) The memorial honor law enforcement personnel who at
33 the local, state, and federal levels of government,
34 while in the line of duty, made the ultimate sacrifice
35 to serve and protect the people of Hawaii;
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- 37 (2) The memorial call attention to the bravery and
38 everyday public service that law enforcement officers
39 demonstrate in the line of duty;
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- 41 (3) The memorial should be perpetual; and
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- 43 (4) Private funds should be solicited and used for the
44 memorial's construction; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting and General Services is requested to coordinate, and consider constructing the memorial on the Diamond-Head side of the State Capitol, and maintain the memorial; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting and General Services is requested to submit a report on its plans, including findings, recommendations, projected costs, and any implementing legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days before the convening of the Regular Season of 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation, the Governor, the Comptroller, the county police chiefs, the Director of Public Safety, the United States Marshal for the District of Hawaii, the Director of the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers, and the President of the Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc.

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