
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

AWARDING THE HAWAII MEDAL OF HONOR TO UNITED STATES MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS, WITH HAWAII CONNECTIONS, KILLED IN ACTION WHILE SERVING IN DANGEROUS, VOLATILE, AND UNSTABLE AREAS OF THE WORLD, INCLUDING IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN.

1 WHEREAS, in times of threats to our nation's security, the
2 United States armed forces stand ready to defend and protect our
3 nation; and
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5 WHEREAS, the United States armed forces also stand as
6 protectors of the lives and freedoms of individuals from other
7 nations who cannot fight for themselves; and
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9 WHEREAS, known for its highly skilled military personnel,
10 unwavering patriotism, and undiminishing compassion for others,
11 the United States armed forces bravely answered the call to
12 fight for the citizens of Iraq and Afghanistan; and
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14 WHEREAS, as a central location of armed forces training and
15 preparation, the State of Hawaii sent many of its own National
16 Guard and Military Reserves service members and United States
17 Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy service members to
18 protect Iraqi and Afghan citizens; and
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20 WHEREAS, in the course of active and unpredictable military
21 duty, members of the military often become engaged in dangerous
22 situations, risking their own lives as they act to protect
23 innocent civilians; and
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25 WHEREAS, many airmen, airwomen, soldiers, marines, and
26 sailors with ties to Hawaii have been called to serve in some of
27 the most dangerous areas of Iraq and Afghanistan facing opposing
28 forces on a daily basis; and



1 WHEREAS, it was with utmost bravery that many heroes with
2 ties to Hawaii were killed in action, sacrificing their lives to
3 protect the lives of American and foreign citizens; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Medal of Honor may be awarded to
6 individuals who have been killed in action, while:
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8 • Engaged in:
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- 10 - An action against an enemy of the United States; or
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12 - Military operations involving conflict with an
13 opposing foreign force;
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17 • Serving:
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- 19 - With friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed
20 conflict against an opposing armed force in which the
21 United States is not a belligerent party; or
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23 - In a combat zone as designated by presidential order;
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27 WHEREAS, to be a recipient of the Hawaii Medal of Honor, at
28 the time the armed forces member was killed in action, the
29 recipient must also have been a member of:
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31 • The Hawaii National Guard, the United States Military
32 Reserves, or the Regular United States Armed Forces, who
33 was:
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- 35 - A legal resident of the State of Hawaii; or
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37 - An attendee of a school in Hawaii at some time during
38 the life of the member;
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1 The Regular United States Armed Forces, who was:

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3 - A legal resident of the State of Hawaii; or

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5 - Stationed in Hawaii by a proper order of the United
6 States Department of Defense;

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10 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Hawaii are enormously
11 grateful for the service provided by these brave men and women
12 and are greatly saddened by the loss of each armed forces member
13 and stand by the surviving family members in support and with
14 aloha; and

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16 WHEREAS, the service members will be forever remembered for
17 their ultimate act of bravery as heroes who sacrificed their
18 lives so others could be free; now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
22 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature, pursuant
23 to Section 5-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, awards, on behalf of
24 the people of Hawaii, the Hawaii Medal of Honor to:

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- 26 • United States Army Specialist Christopher P. Sweet;
- 27 • United States Army Specialist Cwislyn K. Walter;
- 28 • United States Army First Lieutenant Daniel B. Hyde;
- 29 • United States Army Sergeant Raphael A. Futrell;
- 30 • United States Navy Lieutenant Junior Grade Francis L.
31 Toner, IV;
- 32 • United States Army Sergeant Devin C. Poche;
- 33 • United States Army Corporal Michael J. Anaya;
- 34 • United States Army Command Sergeant Major Benjamin Moore,
35 Jr.;
- 36 • United States Army Staff Sergeant Randy S. Agno;
- 37 • United States Air Force First Lieutenant Roslyn L. Schulte;



- 1 • United States Army Sergeant Jasper K. Obakrairur;
- 2 • United States Army Major Rocco M. Barnes;
- 3 • United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Joshua R.
- 4 Whittle;
- 5 • United States Army Corporal Casey L. Hills;
- 6 • United States Marine Corps Corporal Matthew R. Lembke;
- 7 • United States Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class (Hospital
- 8 Corpsman) Anthony C. Garcia;
- 9 • United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal James D.
- 10 Argentine;
- 11 • United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Travis T. Babine;
- 12 • United States Marine Corps Sergeant Jay M. Hoskins;
- 13 • United States Marine Corps Corporal Christian A. Guzman
- 14 Rivera;
- 15 • United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Joshua M.
- 16 Bernard;
- 17 • United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal John J. Malone;
- 18 • United States Marine Corps Private First Class Zachary D.
- 19 Tenbrook;
- 20 • United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Alfonso Ochoa,
- 21 Jr.;
- 22 • United States Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Earl R. Scott,
- 23 III;
- 24 • United States Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mathew C.
- 25 Heffelfinger;
- 26 • United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Mark David
- 27 Juarez; and
- 28 • United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Jacob A. Meinert,
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30 and honors and remembers the sacrifice of these armed forces
31 heroes with ties to Hawaii who fought and died bravely for the
32 United States of America, and sends its heartfelt appreciation
33 and sympathy to surviving family members; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the names of these recipients
36 be entered on the Hawaii Medal of Honor Roll; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the two houses of the
2 Legislature assemble in Joint Session in the Chambers of the
3 House of Representatives at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23,
4 2010, to present the Hawaii Medal of Honor to the family or
5 representative of each recipient.

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OFFERED BY:

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