
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO INCLUDE A SECTION DEDICATED TO VETERANS OF THE CONFLICTS IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN IN THE HAWAII STATE VETERANS CEMETERY AND ALLOW FOR PHOTOS AND OTHER MEMORIAL OBJECTS OF VETERANS TO BE PLACED AT GRAVESITES IN THE HAWAII STATE VETERANS CEMETERY.

1 WHEREAS, a military cemetery symbolizes more than simply a
2 final resting place for those who have honorably served the
3 nation and to whom the citizens of the United States (U.S.)
4 shall be eternally grateful; and

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6 WHEREAS, a military cemetery also serves to remind
7 individuals of the very real tragedy of armed conflicts and
8 stands as a solemn testament and enduring memorial to those
9 individuals, many of whom paid the supreme sacrifice, who upheld
10 the tenets of "Duty, Honor, and Country"; and

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12 WHEREAS, there is no greater honor for a former soldier
13 than to be laid to rest next to the soldier's comrades-in-arms,
14 no greater act of respect that a grateful country can show a
15 former soldier than to inter the soldier's remains on hallowed
16 ground, and no greater tribute that future generations of
17 freedom-loving Americans can visit upon a former soldier than to
18 remember those sacrifices made by the soldier on the
19 battlefield; and

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21 WHEREAS, providing burial privileges to former soldiers is
22 the very least that a grateful nation and State can do for those
23 persons who placed themselves in harm's way to protect the U.S.
24 from its enemies; and



1 WHEREAS, the U.S. has found itself involved in numerous
2 armed conflicts throughout its history, including two world
3 wars, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam War in the 20th
4 Century; and
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6 WHEREAS, more recently, the U.S. has been involved in
7 conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan; and
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9 WHEREAS, as a result of the current conflicts occurring in
10 Iraq and Afghanistan, over 4,000 Americans have already given
11 the greatest sacrifice one can make for their country; and
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13 WHEREAS, current rules prohibit the placement of pictures
14 and other memorial objects on graves at the Hawaii State
15 Veterans' Cemetery; and
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17 WHEREAS, allowing the display of photos and other memorial
18 objects of fallen soldiers is a means of families honoring their
19 loved ones; and
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21 WHEREAS, setting aside a special place in the Hawaii State
22 Veterans' Cemetery for those individuals who are veterans of the
23 conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan that is similar to Section 60
24 at Arlington National Cemetery would be a fitting tribute to
25 honor the memory of, and the sacrifices made by, former soldiers
26 of these conflicts; now, therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
30 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature urges the
31 Office of Veterans' Services of the Hawaii State Department of
32 Defense to include a section dedicated to veterans of the
33 conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan in the Hawaii State Veterans
34 Cemetery that is similar to Section 60 of Arlington National
35 Cemetery; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Veterans'
38 Services of the Hawaii State Department of Defense is also urged
39 to allow for photos and other memorial objects of fallen
40 soldiers to be displayed at gravesites within the Hawaii State
41 Veterans Cemetery; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Adjutant General of
3 the State of Hawaii and Director of the Office of Veterans'
4 Services of the State of Hawaii Department of Defense.
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