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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II AND  
ACKNOWLEDGING THE PEARL HARBOR HISTORIC SITES PARTNERS FOR  
THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS IN PRESERVING THE NATION'S MILITARY  
LEGACY.

1           WHEREAS, our way of life, and the freedoms and  
2 opportunities that we as a democracy enjoy, have been forged  
3 with the blood of patriots willing to make the ultimate  
4 sacrifice in defense of our country; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the courage and dedication of the servicemen in  
7 our armed forces were instrumental in defending our country and  
8 our allies during World War II and ultimately defeating the Axis  
9 Powers in 1945; and  
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11           WHEREAS, throughout the war, our soldiers fought with  
12 distinction in countless battlefields across the world, from the  
13 shores of Pearl Harbor during the Japanese attack on December 7,  
14 1941, to the invasion of Normandy on D-Day in June 1944, and on  
15 through the hard-fought campaigns in Europe and Asia in 1944 and  
16 1945; and  
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18           WHEREAS, the year 2010 marks the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end  
19 of World War II; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the historical legacy of our armed forces is  
22 preserved through various monuments and historical sites  
23 throughout the world that are dedicated to carrying out this  
24 work; and  
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26           WHEREAS, Hawaii is blessed to house one such network of  
27 sites, the Pearl Harbor Historic Sites, which is comprised of  
28 the USS Arizona Memorial, Battleship Missouri Memorial, USS  
29 Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park, Pacific Aviation Museum, and  
30 Pearl Harbor Historic Trail; and



1           WHEREAS, the USS Arizona Memorial, built over the actual  
2 wreck of the battleship, is the final resting place for many of  
3 the ship's 1,177 crewmen who lost their lives during the Pearl  
4 Harbor attack; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the USS Arizona Memorial has for many decades  
7 served as both a poignant reminder of the heroism and valor  
8 demonstrated by our soldiers in their efforts to respond to and  
9 repel the Pearl Harbor attack, as well as the critically  
10 important historical event which catapulted the U.S. into World  
11 War II; and  
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13           WHEREAS, the Battleship Missouri Memorial is home to the  
14 USS Missouri, a battleship with a rich and unusual history,  
15 highlighted by its distinction as the site for the formal  
16 surrender of Japan on September 2, 1945, the event that ended  
17 the war; and

18           WHEREAS, the USS Missouri continued on for over five  
19 decades after World War II, engaging enemy forces in the Korean  
20 War as well as Operation Desert Storm while also participating  
21 in training cruises during peacetime, until the ship was  
22 decommissioned for the last time and made its final voyage to  
23 Pearl Harbor where it now rests, serving as a testament to the  
24 valor and might of our armed forces; and  
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26           WHEREAS, the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park is home  
27 to the historic USS Bowfin, a World War II-era submarine  
28 launched a year after the Pearl Harbor attack and nicknamed the  
29 "Pearl Harbor Avenger"; and  
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31           WHEREAS, the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park serves a  
32 dual function, providing visitors with a wealth of information  
33 on the inner workings of a submarine as well as the history of  
34 the submarine, while also serving as a tribute to the 52 U.S.  
35 submarines and approximately 3,500 crewmen lost during World War  
36 II; and  
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38           WHEREAS, the Pacific Aviation Museum is located in World  
39 War II-era hangars on historic Ford Island, providing visitors  
40 with the opportunity to learn about aviation particularly during



1 the World War II- and Korean War-eras, with plans to expand the  
2 museum to include more modern exhibits; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail was the site of  
5 the OR&L railroad, which was established in 1889 by Benjamin F.  
6 Dillingham to serve the transportation needs of developing sugar  
7 plantations on Oahu, with the Hawaiian Pineapple Company (now  
8 known as Dole) increasing the train's freight traffic by more  
9 than 30 percent after the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century; and  
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11 WHEREAS, during the railroad's development, the United  
12 States Navy began converting Pearl Harbor Lagoon into a major  
13 naval base, and the United States Army established the largest  
14 army base in the Pacific at Schofield Barracks, both of which  
15 were eventually linked to Honolulu Harbor and each other by  
16 OR&L, which transported troops and munitions to these locations  
17 during World War II; and  
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19 WHEREAS, in 1971, the Hawaiian Railway Society was formed  
20 to restore portions of the old railroad system as an educational  
21 and historic community resource and in 1975, tracks in the OR&L  
22 right-of-way from 'Ewa to Nanakuli were placed on both the  
23 Hawaii Register of Historic places and the National Register of  
24 Historic Places; now, therefore,  
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
27 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
28 of 2010, that this body hereby commemorates the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
29 of the end of World War II and acknowledges and commends the  
30 Pearl Harbor Historic Sites Partners for their contributions to  
31 preserving our nation's military legacy.  
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