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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING MEMBERS OF HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT  
H.R. 208, THE NATIONAL GUARDSMEN AND RESERVISTS PARITY FOR  
PATRIOTS ACT, AND S. 644, THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE  
RETIRED PAY EQUITY ACT OF 2009.

1       WHEREAS, when the Reserve and National Guard Retirement Pay  
2 System was established in 1948, members of the National Guard  
3 and Active Reserve were presumed to have full-time civilian  
4 careers subject to extended military service only in the  
5 unlikely event of a national mobilization; and  
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7       WHEREAS, this retirement system was intended to supplement  
8 a normal civilian career promotion and retirement program; and  
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10       WHEREAS, since September 11, 2001, approximately seven  
11 hundred thousand members of the National Guard and Active  
12 Reserve have been activated for military duty, including nearly  
13 two hundred thousand who have been deployed for duty more than  
14 once; and  
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16       WHEREAS, reserve mission increases and a smaller force  
17 structure mean that guard members and reservists are devoting a  
18 far greater share of their civilian working lives to military  
19 service than originally envisioned by the creators of the  
20 National Guard Retirement Pay System; and  
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22       WHEREAS, many of these service members now are being mobi-  
23 lized one year out of every three, and this dramatically changes  
24 the working and income situations for these guard members and  
25 reservists and their employers and families; and  
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27       WHEREAS, frequent activations remove guard members and  
28 reservists from their civilian careers, often costing them  
29 promotions and sometimes their jobs, which directly reduces  
30 their civilian retirement pay; and  
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1           WHEREAS, the government has an obligation to help offset  
2 these service-imposed losses by updating the reserve retirement  
3 system to reflect realities of today's service in the National  
4 Guard or Reserve; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008  
7 took a first step by reducing the reserve retirement age from  
8 age sixty by three months for every ninety days of active duty  
9 performed since January 28, 2008; however, it provided no credit  
10 for the hundreds of thousands of service members who were called  
11 up for duty between September 11, 2001, and January 28, 2008,  
12 during the height of deployments to missions in Iraq and  
13 Afghanistan; and  
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15           WHEREAS, H.R. 208, the National Guardsmen and Reservists  
16 Parity for Patriots Act, and S. 644, the National Guard and  
17 Reserve Retired Pay Equity Act of 2009, would make the 2008  
18 change retroactive to September 11, 2001; now therefore,  
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20           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the  
22 House of Representatives concurring, that the members of  
23 Hawaii's congressional delegation are urged to support H.R. 208,  
24 the National Guardsmen and Reservists Parity for Patriots Act,  
25 and S. 644, the National Guard and Reserve Retired Pay Equity  
26 Act of 2009, which would include service after September 11,  
27 2001, as service qualifying for the determination of a reduced  
28 eligibility age for receipt of non-regular service retired pay  
29 for members of the National Guard and Active Reserve; and  
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31           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the members of Hawaii's  
33 congressional delegation.

