
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR REPEAL OF THE DON'T ASK DON'T TELL POLICY
OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICES.

1 WHEREAS, Title 10, United States Code, Section 654 sets out
2 the policy concerning homosexuality in the armed services, which
3 provides in pertinent part that "A member of the armed services
4 shall be separated from the armed services under regulations
5 prescribed by the Secretary of Defense . . ."; and
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7 WHEREAS, "Don't ask, don't tell" is the denomination of the
8 policy of the United States Armed Services to stop gay, lesbian,
9 and bisexual individuals from serving in the military; and
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11 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama, United States Secretary of
12 Defense Robert Gates, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
13 Admiral Mike Mullen have expressed their preference for ending
14 the ban on homosexual individuals serving in the United States
15 Armed Services; and
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17 WHEREAS, in his State of the Union address, President Obama
18 said he would work with Congress and the military to repeal the
19 1993 law that bars openly gay and lesbian people from serving in
20 the military; and
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22 WHEREAS, Admiral Mullen testified before the United States
23 Congress on February 2, 2010, that letting gays serve openly in
24 the military is "the right thing to do . . . I cannot escape
25 being troubled by the fact that we have in place a policy which
26 forces young men and women to lie about who they are in order to
27 defend their fellow citizens"; and
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29 WHEREAS, it has been reported that since going into effect
30 in 1993, "Don't ask, don't tell" has resulted in the discharge
31 of more than 13,500 service members for being gay, and at the
32 present time when the military is desperately short of foreign-



1 language expertise, it has fired over sixty-five gay Arabic and
2 Farsi linguists; and

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4 WHEREAS, anytime there is a restriction on the pool of
5 candidates from which one is recruiting which is unrelated to
6 the task at hand, one ends up excluding outstanding people whose
7 presence would improve the organization's performance; and

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9 WHEREAS, allowing homosexuals to serve in the military
10 would significantly augment the nation's military capabilities;
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13 WHEREAS, homophobia has no place in a modern, enlightened
14 society, and the military is no exception; now, therefore,

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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
17 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
18 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature
19 expresses support for repeal of the "don't ask, don't tell"
20 policy of the United States Armed Services, and of the federal
21 law upon which it is based; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
25 United States; Secretary of Defense Robert Gates; Chairman of
26 the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mike Mullen; the Majority
27 Leader of the United States Senate, and the Speaker of the
28 United States House of Representatives.

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