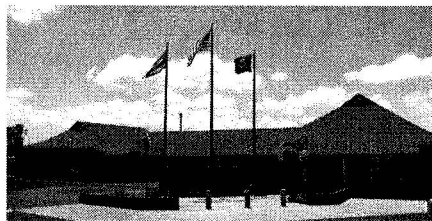


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## TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 29

### RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THOSE WHO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE FAMILIES OF DEPLOYED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, BUSINESS & MILITARY AFFAIRS

**HEARING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2010, 9:00 AM, ROOM 312**

Aloha Representatives Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair, Isaac W. Choy, Vice Chair, and members of the Committee. My name is Fred Ballard, President Oahu Veterans Council. The Oahu Veterans Council is comprised of over 35 Oahu veteran organizations that in turn represent over 80,000 veterans and their families.

The contents of HR 29 really say it all. There are many non-profits and individuals in the community that consistently seek to assist the families left behind when the military member leaves for extended periods of time. Their services are vital to help families lighten the load and deal with the stress of a loved one serving in a war zone.

The Oahu Veterans Council strongly supports the passage of House Resolution 29.

Mahalo for allowing us the opportunity to testify in support of this very important resolution.

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