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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING ALL ACTIVE, RESERVE, AND GUARD COMPONENTS OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY AND THE ACTIVE AND RESERVE COMPONENTS OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO MAKE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IMPROVE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONTINUAL CARE FOR THE DOMESTIC ANIMALS OWNED BY MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY AND UNITED STATES COAST GUARD WHO ARE REQUIRED TO DEPLOY OR RELOCATE.

1           WHEREAS, members of the United States military and Coast  
2 Guard who deploy or relocate often face difficult decisions  
3 regarding home and family, including what to do with their pets;  
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6           WHEREAS, most members of the military and Coast Guard who  
7 deploy or relocate want to ensure that their pets will be cared  
8 for during their absence, and they wish to be reunited with  
9 their pets when they return; and

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11           WHEREAS, members of the military and Coast Guard often  
12 relinquish their pet to a local shelter, or worse, abandon the  
13 animal because they have no one available to care for it; and

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15           WHEREAS, abandoned animals have the potential to reproduce  
16 and dramatically increase the number of homeless animals on  
17 military and Coast Guard installations and surrounding  
18 communities; and

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20           WHEREAS, with many thousands of members of the military and  
21 Coast Guard stationed in Hawaii, the need to provide continual  
22 care for pets owned by deploying or relocating service members  
23 is magnified; now, therefore,

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25           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
26 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
27 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature encourages



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1 all services of the United States military and the United States  
 2 Coast Guard to convene a working group with local animal  
 3 shelters and rescue organizations and make resources available  
 4 to help provide continual care for domestic animals owned by  
 5 members of the military and Coast Guard who are required to  
 6 deploy or relocate out of the State; and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Hawaii's  
 10 congressional delegation, the United States Secretary of  
 11 Defense, the Secretary of the United States Army, the Secretary  
 12 of the United States Navy, the Secretary of the United States  
 13 Air Force, the Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, the  
 14 Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, the Chief of the  
 15 National Guard Bureau, the Commander of the United States  
 16 Pacific Command, the Commander of the Pacific Air Forces, the  
 17 Commander of Hickam Air Force Base, the Commander of Joint Base  
 18 Pearl Harbor Hickam, the Commander of United States Pacific  
 19 Fleet, the Commander of United States Army Pacific, the  
 20 Commander of Marine Corps Base Hawaii, the Commander of the  
 21 Fourteenth Coast Guard District, the Adjutant General for the  
 22 State of Hawaii, the Commander of the Hawaii Air National Guard,  
 23 and the Commander of the Hawaii Army National Guard.

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