
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE COMMERCIAL AIRLINE INDUSTRY TO EXTEND VARIOUS
COURTESIES TO MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICES
WITH MILITARY ORDERS WHO ARE TRANSPORTED BY COMMERCIAL
AIRCRAFT, IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF
THE UNITED STATES AND AS AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE AND
APPRECIATION.

1 WHEREAS, the men and women of America's armed services,
2 without hesitation, stand fast against those that threaten the
3 security of our nation; and
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5 WHEREAS, while the might of the United States' military is
6 unprecedented, part of this power relies on the ability to
7 transport troops and supplies anywhere around the world at a
8 moment's notice; and
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10 WHEREAS, although the United States' military has a
11 remarkable transportation network, at times it makes more
12 logistical sense to use commercial aircraft to transport troops,
13 particularly if the number of those being transported is small;
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16 WHEREAS, while it is understandable that airlines charge
17 baggage fees to assist them in dealing with the additional costs
18 they are facing, particularly during the recent economic
19 downturn, applying these additional charges to troops who are
20 fighting in defense of our freedoms could be viewed as
21 inappropriate; and
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23 WHEREAS, in an act of appreciation for their service to our
24 country, the baggage fees currently charged by airlines could be
25 waived for those individuals of the armed services who are
26 traveling on commercial aircraft under military orders; and



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1 WHEREAS, extending additional courtesies to these military
 2 personnel, such as first class or business upgrades, when
 3 available, at no additional cost and eliminating charges for
 4 overweight baggage, would be an additional expression of
 5 gratitude and deep appreciation for the sacrifices of the
 6 members of the armed services; now, therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 9 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 10 of 2011, that the commercial airline industry is urged to extend
 11 various courtesies to members of the armed services traveling on
 12 military orders including the waiving of baggage and excess
 13 baggage weight fees and providing first class or business class
 14 upgrades when available, as an expression of gratitude and
 15 appreciation for service to the United States; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 18 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of
 19 Staff, Hawaii's Congressional Delegation, Air Transport
 20 Association of America, Inc., and Airlines Committee of Hawaii.
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