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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

AWARDING THE HAWAII MEDAL OF HONOR TO UNITED STATES MILITARY
SERVICE MEMBERS WITH HAWAII CONNECTIONS KILLED IN ACTION
WHILE SERVING IN DANGEROUS, VOLATILE, AND UNSTABLE AREAS OF
THE WORLD, INCLUDING IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN.

1 WHEREAS, in times of threats to our nation's security, the
2 United States armed forces stand ready to defend and protect our
3 nation; and
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5 WHEREAS, the United States armed forces also protect the
6 lives and freedoms of individuals from other nations who cannot
7 fight for themselves; and
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9 WHEREAS, known for its highly skilled military personnel,
10 unwavering patriotism, and undiminishing compassion for others,
11 the United States armed forces bravely answered the call to
12 fight for the citizens of Iraq and Afghanistan; and
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14 WHEREAS, as a central location of armed forces training and
15 preparation, the State of Hawaii sent many of its own National
16 Guard and Military Reserves service members and United States
17 Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy service members to
18 protect Iraqi and Afghan citizens; and
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20 WHEREAS, in the course of active and unpredictable military
21 duty, members of the military often become engaged in dangerous
22 situations, endangering their own lives as they act to protect
23 innocent civilians; and
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25 WHEREAS, many airmen, airwomen, soldiers, marines, and
26 sailors with ties to Hawaii have been called to serve in some of
27 the most dangerous areas of Iraq and Afghanistan, coming into
28 contact with opposing forces on a daily basis; and
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1 WHEREAS, it was with utmost bravery that many heroes with
2 ties to Hawaii were killed in action, sacrificing their lives to
3 protect the lives of American and foreign citizens; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Medal of Honor may be awarded to
6 individuals who have been killed in action, while:
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8 • Engaged in:
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10 - An action against an enemy of the United States; or
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12 - Military operations involving conflict with an
13 opposing foreign force;
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17 • Serving:
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19 - With friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed
20 conflict against an opposing armed force in which
21 the United States is not a belligerent party; or
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23 - In a combat zone as designated by presidential
24 order;
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28 WHEREAS, to be a recipient of the Hawaii Medal of Honor, at
29 the time the armed forces member was killed in action, the
30 recipient must also have been a member of:
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32 • The Hawaii National Guard, the United States Military
33 Reserves, or the Regular United States Armed Forces,
34 who was:
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36 - A legal resident of the State of Hawaii; or
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38 - An attendee of a school in Hawaii at some time
39 during the life of the member;
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41 or



- 1 • The Regular United States Armed Forces, who was:
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 - 3 - A legal resident of the State of Hawaii; or
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 - 5 - Stationed in Hawaii by a proper order of the United
 - 6 States Department of Defense;
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10 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Hawaii are enormously
11 grateful for the service provided by these brave men and women,
12 are greatly saddened by the loss of each armed forces member,
13 and stand by the surviving family members in support and with
14 aloha; and

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16 WHEREAS, the service members will be forever remembered for
17 their ultimate act of bravery as heroes who sacrificed their
18 lives so others could be free; now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the
22 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature,
23 pursuant to section 5-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, awards, on
24 behalf of the people of Hawaii, the Hawaii Medal of Honor to:

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- 26 • United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Timothy J.
27 Poole;
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- 29 • United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Noah M.
30 Pier;
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- 32 • United States Army Private First Class JR Salvacion;
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- 34 • United States Army Private First Class Raymond N.
35 Pacleb;
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- 37 • United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Curtis M.
38 Swenson;
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- 40 • United States Marine Corps Private First Class Jake W.
41 Suter;
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- 1 • United States Marine Corps Corporal Joe L. Wrightsman;
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- 3 • United States Army First Lieutenant Michael L. Runyan;
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- 5 • United States Army Sergeant Jamal M. Rhett;
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- 7 • United States Army Sergeant Philip C. Jenkins;
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- 9 • United States Army Private James F. McClamrock;
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- 11 • United States Marine Corps First Lieutenant Scott J.
- 12 Fleming;
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- 14 • United States Army Staff Sergeant Aracely Gonzales
- 15 O'Malley;
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- 17 • United States Army Sergeant David J. Luff Jr.;
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- 19 • United States Marine Corps Sergeant Matthew T. Abbate;
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- 22 • United States Army Corporal Sean M. Collins,
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24 honors and remembers the sacrifices of these armed forces heroes
25 with ties to Hawaii who fought and died bravely for the United
26 States of America, and sends its heartfelt appreciation and
27 sympathy to surviving family members; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the names of these recipients
30 be entered on the Hawaii Medal of Honor Roll; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the two houses of the
33 Legislature assemble in Joint Session in the Chambers of the
34 Senate at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2011, to present the
35 Hawaii Medal of Honor to the family or representative of each
36 recipient.

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