
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE COMMERCIAL AIRLINE INDUSTRY TO EXTEND VARIOUS
COURTESIES TO MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES
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 Forces,
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 commercial
17 airlines charge baggage fees to assist them in dealing with the
18 additional costs they are facing, particularly during the recent
19 economic downturn, applying these additional charges to troops
20 who are 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 commercial
25 airlines could be waived for those individuals of the Armed



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