
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN TO CREATE A STATE CAPITOL
MEMORIAL TO HONOR THE VETERANS OF THE PERSIAN GULF WAR,
OPERATION DESERT STORM, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, OPERATION
ENDURING FREEDOM, AND OPERATION NEW DAWN.

1 WHEREAS, the freedom, liberties, and security that make the
2 United States unique and that citizens of the United States
3 enjoy are direct results of the sacrifices and continued
4 vigilance of the United States armed forces over the course of
5 our nation's history; and

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7 WHEREAS, in furtherance of this noble and important
8 purpose, members of the United States armed forces have engaged
9 in combat in several areas of the world over the past several
10 years, including:

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12 (1) In Kuwait, by leading a coalition of international
13 forces codenamed Operation Desert Storm in the Persian
14 Gulf War that liberated Kuwait from Iraq;

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16 (2) In Iraq, by leading a coalition of international
17 forces in Operation Iraqi Freedom to defeat the brutal
18 authoritarian regime of Saddam Hussein and
19 subsequently in Operation New Dawn to enable the
20 building of a stable democracy in Iraq by its people
21 by, among other things, training Iraqi security forces
22 and mounting counterterrorism operations; and

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24 (3) In Afghanistan, by waging the ongoing war on terrorism
25 in Operation Enduring Freedom in response to the
26 terrorist attacks on the United States on September
27 11, 2001, to confront terrorists on their own ground;

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1 WHEREAS, as President Barack Obama has recognized, the
2 members of the United States armed forces, who are "the steel in
3 our ship of state," have completed every mission they were given
4 at enormous sacrifice, with thousands giving their lives and
5 tens of thousands being wounded; and
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7 WHEREAS, on July 24, 1994, Hawaii dedicated the Korean and
8 Vietnam War Memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol; and
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10 WHEREAS, it is fitting and necessary for the State to also
11 tangibly and visibly honor the veterans who served in the
12 Persian Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi
13 Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation New Dawn, and
14 recognize their sacrifices and contributions; now, therefore,
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
17 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
18 of 2012, that the State of Hawaii Office of Veterans' Services,
19 with the assistance of the Department of Accounting and General
20 Services and the Department of Defense, is requested to develop
21 a plan to create a memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol,
22 near the Korean and Vietnam War Memorial, that would honor the
23 veterans of the Persian Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm,
24 Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and
25 Operation New Dawn; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conjunction with the
28 foregoing plan development the Office of Veterans' Services is
29 requested to hold a public hearing to receive comments or input
30 from interested organizations, Hawaii residents, and the general
31 public; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Veterans'
34 Services, with the assistance of the Department of Accounting
35 and General Services and Department of Defense, is further
36 directed to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
37 including proposed legislation, if any, to the Legislature no
38 later than January 1, 2013; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Adjutant General; Director of
3 the Office of Veterans' Services; and the Comptroller.
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