

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3542

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 20 2012

RE: H.C.R. No. 92
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 92 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ADOPT THE VETERANS REMEMBERED FLAG,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the President and Congress of the United States to adopt the Veterans Remembered Flag.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Testimony in opposition was received from the Maui County Veterans Council.

It is estimated that more than twenty million veterans, affiliated and unaffiliated with veterans' organizations, have served in the United States armed services. There are flags honoring all branches of the armed services, as well as flags for POWs and MIAs, but there is no official flag to honor military veterans and the service that they have provided to the nation. Your Committee believes that a flag to honor veterans would provide an enduring symbol of gratitude for the contributions that veterans have made to the nation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Changing the BE IT RESOLVED paragraph to urge the President of the United States and Congress to create and adopt an appropriate flag, not necessarily the Veterans Remembered Flag, to honor veterans; and
- (2) Amending the title to read: "URGING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO CREATE AND ADOPT AN APPROPRIATE FLAG HONORING VETERANS."

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 92, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 92, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Government Operations, and
Military Affairs,



WILL ESPERO, Chair



