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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS, TO PLAN AND ESTABLISH A MEMORIAL ON THE STATE CAPITOL GROUNDS HONORING THE VETERANS OF THE PERSIAN GULF WAR, OPERATION DESERT STORM, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, OPERATION NEW DAWN, AND OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.

1           WHEREAS, the freedom and security that United States  
2 citizens enjoy today are direct results of the sacrifices and  
3 continued vigilance of the United States armed forces over the  
4 course of the nation's history; and  
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6           WHEREAS, members of the United States armed forces engaged  
7 in the Persian Gulf War, from August 2, 1990, to February 28,  
8 1991, which culminated in the liberation of Kuwait from Iraq;  
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11           WHEREAS, the United States air-and-land conflict, known as  
12 Operation Desert Storm, began on January 17, 1991, and lasted  
13 through April 11, 1991; and  
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15           WHEREAS, Operation Iraqi Freedom, later named Operation New  
16 Dawn, was a military campaign led by United States troops that  
17 began on March 20, 2003, and lasted through August 31, 2010; and  
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19           WHEREAS, Operation Enduring Freedom, also known as the War  
20 in Afghanistan, is an ongoing war effort that began on October  
21 7, 2001; and  
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23           WHEREAS, public memorials are an important form of  
24 recognition for veterans and military personnel who contributed  
25 to these important missions; and  
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27           WHEREAS, Hawaii dedicated the Korean and Vietnam Memorial  
28 on the grounds of the State Capitol on July 24, 1994; and



1 WHEREAS, it is both fitting and necessary for the State to  
 2 give tangible and visible recognition to the sacrifices and  
 3 contributions of veterans from Hawaii who served in the Persian  
 4 Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom,  
 5 Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation New Dawn; now,  
 6 therefore,  
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 9 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 10 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Office of  
 11 Veterans Services, with the assistance of the Department of  
 12 Accounting and General Services and the Department of Defense,  
 13 is requested to develop a plan to establish a memorial honoring  
 14 the veterans of the Persian Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm,  
 15 Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and  
 16 Operation New Dawn on the grounds of the State Capitol near the  
 17 Korean and Vietnam War Memorial; and  
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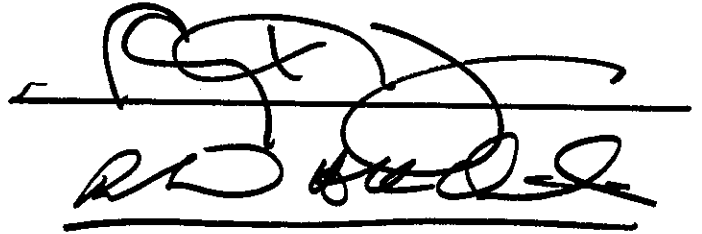
19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Veterans  
 20 Services, with the assistance of the Department of Accounting  
 21 and General Services and the Department of Defense is requested  
 22 to hold a public hearing to receive comments or input about the  
 23 proposed memorial from interested organizations and residents;  
 24 and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Veterans  
 27 Services, with the assistance of the Department of Accounting  
 28 and General Services and Department of Defense, is requested to  
 29 submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the  
 30 legislature no later than January 1, 2014; and  
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the  
 34 Office of Veterans Services, Director of Accounting and General  
 35 Services, and the Adjutant General.  
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