
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS, TO PLAN AND ESTABLISH A MEMORIAL 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; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Veterans
19 Services, with the assistance of the Department of Accounting
20 and General Services and the Department of Defense is requested
21 to hold a public hearing to receive comments or input about the
22 proposed memorial from interested organizations and residents;
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Veterans
26 Services, with the assistance of the Department of Accounting
27 and General Services and Department of Defense, is requested to
28 submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the
29 legislature no later than January 1, 2014; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
33 Office of Veterans Services, Director of Accounting and General
34 Services, and the Adjutant General.

