
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO AWARD THE CONGRESSIONAL
MEDAL OF HONOR TO JOHN KUULEI KAUHAIHAO, OF HONAUNAU,
HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the ultimate sacrifice on the battlefield by the
2 members of the United States military should not go
3 unrecognized; and
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5 WHEREAS, United States Army First Lieutenant (Infantry)
6 John Kuulei Kauhahao, of Honaunau, Hawaii, displayed
7 extraordinary heroism in defending the United States and was
8 posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by the
9 President of the United States; and
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11 WHEREAS, First Lieutenant (Infantry) John Kuulei Kauhahao,
12 who was born on April 17, 1942, distinguished himself against an
13 armed hostile force while serving with Company B, 2d Battalion,
14 8th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) during a
15 reconnaissance-in-force operation in the Tay Ninh Province in
16 the Republic of Vietnam; and
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18 WHEREAS, First Lieutenant (Infantry) John Kuulei Kauhahao
19 led his platoon over thick jungle terrain at the point of their
20 company when a battalion-sized force of North Vietnamese
21 soldiers occupying bunker fortifications fired upon the platoon;
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24 WHEREAS, First Lieutenant (Infantry) John Kuulei Kauhahao
25 quickly directed his men to take cover behind several large,
26 bamboo-covered dirt mounds and, as the rest of the company moved
27 up to lend supporting fire to the pinned-down point element, the
28 enemy in flanking bunkers unleashed a flurry of crossfire; and
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30 WHEREAS, seizing upon a momentary lull in the exchange of
31 fire, First Lieutenant (Infantry) John Kuulei Kauhahao hacked



1 an opening through the bamboo growing over the dirt mound and
2 took cover; and
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4 WHEREAS, in the next 15 minutes, First Lieutenant
5 (Infantry) John Kuulei Kauhaihao hurled more than 30 hand
6 grenades through this opening at the enemy bunkers and drew
7 enemy fire on himself so that his men could sight enemy gunners
8 and bring the enemy under suppressive fire; and
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10 WHEREAS, after directing the withdrawal of his battered
11 point element, First Lieutenant (Infantry) John Kuulei Kauhaihao
12 crawled over a 100 meters of fire-swept terrain, dragged vital
13 equipment to the rear, and helped wounded soldiers to a position
14 of safety; and
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16 WHEREAS, while rejoining his men to the company's main
17 force, First Lieutenant (Infantry) John Kuulei Kauhaihao sighted
18 an enemy squad moving up on his tattered platoon, and as he
19 advanced to engage the approaching enemy, First Lieutenant
20 (Infantry) John Kuulei Kauhaihao was mortally wounded by enemy
21 fire; and
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23 WHEREAS, First Lieutenant (Infantry) John Kuulei
24 Kauhaihao's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty, at the
25 cost of his life, were in keeping with the highest traditions of
26 military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his
27 unit, and the United States Army; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
31 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the United States
32 Congress is urged to award the Congressional Medal of Honor to
33 John Kuulei Kauhaihao, of Honaunau, Hawaii, for his ultimate act
34 of valor on the battlefield; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
38 United States and the Hawaii Congressional Delegation.
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