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## HOUSE 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 8<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 1<sup>st</sup> 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  
32 an opening through the bamboo growing over the dirt mound and  
33 took cover; and



1           WHEREAS, in the next 15 minutes, First Lieutenant  
 2 (Infantry) John Kuulei Kauhahao hurled more than 30 hand  
 3 grenades through this opening at the enemy bunkers and drew  
 4 enemy fire on himself so that his men could sight enemy gunners  
 5 and bring the enemy under suppressive fire; and

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 7           WHEREAS, after directing the withdrawal of his battered  
 8 point element, First Lieutenant (Infantry) John Kuulei Kauhahao  
 9 crawled over a 100 meters of fire-swept terrain, dragged vital  
 10 equipment to the rear, and helped wounded soldiers to a position  
 11 of safety; and

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 13           WHEREAS, while rejoining his men to the company's main  
 14 force, First Lieutenant (Infantry) John Kuulei Kauhahao sighted  
 15 an enemy squad moving up on his tattered platoon, and as he  
 16 advanced to engage the approaching enemy, First Lieutenant  
 17 (Infantry) John Kuulei Kauhahao was mortally wounded by enemy  
 18 fire; and

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 20           WHEREAS, First Lieutenant (Infantry) John Kuulei  
 21 Kauhahao's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty, at the  
 22 cost of his life, were in keeping with the highest traditions of  
 23 military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his  
 24 unit, and the United States Army; now, therefore,

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 26           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 27 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 28 Session of 2013, that the United States Congress is urged to  
 29 award the Congressional Medal of Honor to John Kuulei Kauhahao,  
 30 of Honaunau, Hawaii, for his ultimate act of valor on the  
 31 battlefield; and

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 33           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 34 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States  
 35 and the Hawaii Congressional Delegation.

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