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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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CONGRATULATING THE UNITED STATES ARMY 442<sup>ND</sup> REGIMENTAL COMBAT  
TEAM ON ITS SEVENTY-YEAR ANNIVERSARY.

1           WHEREAS, the UNITED STATES ARMY 442<sup>ND</sup> REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM  
2 was an infantry regiment comprised of Americans of Japanese  
3 ancestry and was the most decorated unit for its size and length  
4 of service, in the entire history of the United States military;  
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7           WHEREAS, soon after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, all  
8 Japanese Americans were reclassified to 4C, enemy alien status,  
9 and were not allowed to enlist in the United States military;  
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12           WHEREAS, in February of 1943, President Roosevelt and the  
13 War Department decided to allow these citizens to fight for  
14 their country, as volunteers, in an all Japanese American  
15 regiment; and  
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17           WHEREAS, approximately 3,000 volunteers from Hawaii and  
18 1,500 from the mainland stepped forward without hesitation to  
19 serve their country and assembled for training at Camp Shelby in  
20 Mississippi, where they trained in the surrounding hills and  
21 swamps, before joining the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion for combat  
22 duty in Naples, Italy, a year later; and  
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24           WHEREAS, the troops of the UNITED STATES ARMY 442<sup>ND</sup>  
25 REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM fought eight major campaigns in Italy,  
26 France, and Germany, including battles at Belmont, Bruyeres, and  
27 Biffontaine; and  
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29           WHEREAS, at Biffontaine, the UNITED STATES ARMY 442<sup>ND</sup>  
30 REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM fought its most famous battle, the  
31 "Rescue of the Lost Battalion", in which it lost more than 800



1 troops, while rescuing 211 members from the Texas 1<sup>ST</sup> Battalion  
2 of the 141<sup>ST</sup> Regiment; and  
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4 WHEREAS, in less than two years of combat, the UNITED  
5 STATES ARMY 442<sup>ND</sup> REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM earned more than 18,000  
6 individual decorations, including one Medal of Honor, 52  
7 Distinguished Service Crosses, 560 Silver Stars with 28 Oak Leaf  
8 Clusters to the Silver Star, 4,000 Bronze Stars with 1,200 Oak  
9 Leaf Clusters to the Bronze Star, 9,486 Purple Hearts, and seven  
10 Presidential Unit Citations, the nation's top award for combat  
11 units; and  
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13 WHEREAS, in June 2000, President Bill Clinton awarded an  
14 additional 20 Medals of Honor to members of the UNITED STATES  
15 ARMY 442<sup>ND</sup> REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM and the 100<sup>TH</sup> Battalion, as a  
16 result of a re-examination of dozens of Japanese American  
17 soldiers' files, to see if any of them were denied awards  
18 because of possible prejudice; and  
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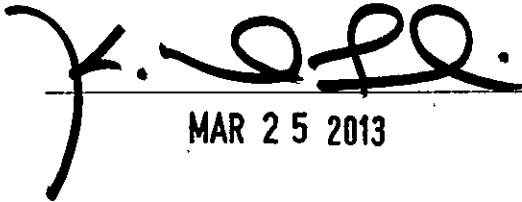
20 WHEREAS, one of these recipients was Daniel K. Inouye,  
21 Hawaii's former United States Senator, whose right arm was  
22 shattered by a grenade while successfully destroying three  
23 German machine gun nests; and  
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25 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Hawaii are proud to  
26 recognize the UNITED STATES ARMY 442<sup>ND</sup> REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM on  
27 its seventy-year anniversary for their tremendous valor,  
28 sacrifices, and contributions, and for exemplifying the true  
29 meaning of being loyal Americans, despite the enormous hardships  
30 they faced; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
3 Session of 2013, that this body hereby commends and  
4 congratulates the UNITED STATES ARMY 442<sup>ND</sup> REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM  
5 and extends to them its warmest aloha and appreciation on the  
6 occasion of their seventy-year anniversary.  
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