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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING COLONEL JOHN BATES, COLONEL GENE CASTAGNETTI, CAPTAIN GERALD COFFEE, CAPTAIN JAMES HICKERSON, AND LIEUTENANT GENERAL HENRY STACKPOLE III, RETIRED VETERANS WHO CONTINUE TO GIVE BACK TO HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, March 14, 2013 marked the fortieth anniversary of  
2 the release of Vietnam Prisoners of War; and  
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4           WHEREAS, this event gives us pause to reflect on the past  
5 and present contributions of all the heroes of the Vietnam War;  
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8           WHEREAS, the following individuals from the United States  
9 Navy and Marines are only a few of the projected 34,374 Vietnam  
10 veterans living in Hawaii who strive to serve their local  
11 communities and fellow wounded warriors; and  
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13           WHEREAS, COLONEL JOHN BATES, a retired U.S. MARINE and a  
14 Vietnam veteran who was injured in the line of duty, continues  
15 to serve the military community by motivating and helping fellow  
16 wounded warriors at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii; and  
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18           WHEREAS, COLONEL GENE CASTAGNETTI, a retired U.S. MARINE,  
19 Silver Star recipient and Vietnam veteran, currently serves as  
20 the Director of the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific;  
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23           WHEREAS, CAPTAIN GERALD COFFEE, a retired U.S. NAVY CAPTAIN  
24 and a former prisoner of war in Vietnam, served as Chairman of  
25 the State Civil Defense Advisory Board and fundraises for the  
26 Kapiolani Children's Miracle Network; and  
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28           WHEREAS, CAPTAIN JAMES HICKERSON, a retired U.S. NAVY  
29 CAPTAIN and former prisoner of war in North Vietnam, served as  
30 the Vice Commander of the Pacific Missile Test Center before



1 becoming Hawaii Area President of the United States Navy League  
2 and a board member for the Pacific Aviation Museum in Pearl  
3 Harbor; and  
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5 WHEREAS, LIEUTENANT GENERAL HENRY STACKPOLE III, the former  
6 Commander of Marine Force Pacific/Commanding General, Fleet  
7 Marine Force Pacific, at Camp Smith and the ex-President of the  
8 Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies in Honolulu, remains  
9 active in the local community by serving on numerous community  
10 boards, being active in the Boy Scouts, and striving towards  
11 ensuring that wounded warriors returning from combat get the  
12 help they need; and  
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14 WHEREAS, their selfless service and dedication to their  
15 country, community, and fellow service members deserves to be  
16 recognized; now, therefore,  
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
19 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
20 Session of 2013, that this body hereby honors these Vietnam  
21 veterans for their continued service to the State of Hawaii.  
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