
HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE VETERANS ENGAGED IN TRANSITION (V.E.T.) HOUSE IN
KALIHI ON ITS OPENING.

1 WHEREAS, many veterans suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress
2 Disorder and other personal problems as a result of their
3 wartime experiences; and

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5 WHEREAS, Captain Ira Barnes Dutton, later known as "Brother
6 Joseph of Molokai" served in the Quartermaster Corps during the
7 Civil War and suffered from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
8 resulting in a failed marriage and years of alcoholism; and

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10 WHEREAS, Captain Dutton sought atonement for his
11 transgressions by vowing to never touch another drop of whiskey
12 again and spent the remainder of his life serving Hansen's
13 Disease patients at Kalaupapa on the island of Molokai; and

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15 WHEREAS, Captain Dutton has become a role model and
16 inspiration to veterans today, illustrating that veterans can
17 turn their lives around if they are provided the opportunity;
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20 WHEREAS, a V.E.T. house provides a temporary home to
21 veterans who have been homeless but are turning their lives
22 around and transitioning into permanent housing and working
23 toward self-sustainability; and

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25 WHEREAS, the V.E.T. House in Kalihi was created because
26 there is a need to provide specialized services to veterans who
27 are not able to thrive in a shelter environment; and

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29 WHEREAS, the V.E.T. House in Kalihi has eight beds
30 available as part of a 90-day transitional program to select
31 veterans who are ready to make the move to permanent housing;
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1 WHEREAS, at the V.E.T. House in Kalihi, each guest receives
2 individualized case management to reconnect them with the
3 services and benefits they earned during their services; and
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5 WHEREAS, the V.E.T. House in Kalihi is surrounded by
6 beautiful gardens that the veterans tend to and features a large
7 communal dining room where guests can come together to offer
8 friendship and support; and
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10 WHEREAS, during their stay at the V.E.T. House, veterans
11 are able to benefit from the healing environment, safe from the
12 risks of living on the streets, and receive supportive guidance
13 empowering them to independently pursue their personal
14 rehabilitation and life goals; and
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16 WHEREAS, the V.E.T. House in Kalihi was developed by The
17 Institute for Human Services (HIS) through a partnership with
18 the Veteran's Administration, key sponsors like Home Depot,
19 donors, and contributors; now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
23 Session of 2014, that this body congratulates the V.E.T. House
24 in Kalihi on the occasion of its opening and recognizes and
25 commends Connie Mitchell, Executive Director of The Institute
26 for Human Services, U.S. Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard, Jay King,
27 V.E.T. House Coordinator at The Institute for Human Services,
28 Home Depot, and Jonathan Perreira for their significant
29 contributions in making the dream of a V.E.T. House in Kalihi a
30 reality; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Resolution be transmitted to The Institute for Human Services,
34 the V.E.T. House, U.S. Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard, Home Depot
35 Honolulu, Home Depot Pearl City, and John Perreira.
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