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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS IN OBSERVANCE OF THE 60<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE KOREAN WAR.

1           WHEREAS, the people of the State of Hawaii are proud to  
2 recognize those special individuals whose initiative,  
3 professionalism, and dedication to the United States Armed  
4 Forces have strongly influenced the lives of those they touch  
5 with courage, bravery, and brotherhood; and  
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7           WHEREAS, on June 25, 1950, the Korean War began; a civil  
8 conflict between North Korea and South Korea divided the country  
9 after the conclusion of World War II; soldiers from the North  
10 Korean Communist army invaded South Korea by pouring across the  
11 38<sup>th</sup> parallel, becoming the first military action of the Cold  
12 War; the Korean peninsula was divided along the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel due  
13 to the 1945 Allied victory in World War II, ending the Empire of  
14 Japan's 35-year colonial rule of Korea; the United States and  
15 the Soviet Union agreed to temporarily occupy Korea as a  
16 trusteeship with the zone of control along the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel in  
17 order to establish a Korean provisional government which would  
18 become free and independent in due course; and  
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20           WHEREAS, shortly after the invasion, United States  
21 President Harry Truman, with the support of the United Nations  
22 (UN) Security Council, ordered United States Army General  
23 Douglas MacArthur to use whatever force was necessary to aid the  
24 South Koreans; this marked the first time in the UN's short  
25 history that the use of force in answer to another country's  
26 aggression was authorized; the ensuing struggle produced many  
27 memorable moments, including MacArthur's Inchon landings; and



1 WHEREAS, during the three-year period of the Korean War,  
2 over five million Americans served in the United States Armed  
3 Services, risking their lives to fight one of the most hard-  
4 fought wars in history; in 1953, an armistice was signed between  
5 the United States, China, and North Korea; however, South Korea  
6 refused to sign it, leaving the two Koreas separate to this day;  
7 and

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9 WHEREAS, since the conclusion of the Korean War, several  
10 organizations have been established to provide support to  
11 veterans of the Korean War in Hawaii, including the KOREAN WAR  
12 VETERANS ASSOCIATION, HAWAII CHAPTER 1; KOREAN WAR VETERANS - 5<sup>TH</sup>  
13 REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM; KOREAN WAR VETERANS - MILITARY ORDER OF  
14 THE PURPLE HEART; AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, ALOHA  
15 CHAPTER; and

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17 WHEREAS, the KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, HAWAII  
18 CHAPTER 1 was formed in August 1994 as the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter of the  
19 Korean War Veterans Association; since 1996, Hawaii Chapter 1  
20 has furthered the expansion of nationally chartered Korean War  
21 Veterans chapters on all islands, including the Big Island  
22 Chapter, West Hawaii Chapter, Maui No Ka Oi Chapter, Kauai  
23 Chapter, and the Aloha Chapter in Honolulu; Hawaii Chapter 1 has  
24 taken the leadership role in all of the Korean War Veterans  
25 events in Hawaii and has been recognized by Honolulu's Korean  
26 community as the key Korean War Veterans organization in the  
27 State; and

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29 WHEREAS, the 5<sup>th</sup> REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM was assigned to the  
30 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division but as a "regimental combat team" instead  
31 of as a regular regiment; the 5<sup>th</sup> REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM also  
32 left Korea effective June 31, 1949, and was transferred to  
33 Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where it was stationed when the  
34 Korean War began; it deployed to Korea on July 25, 1950, and was  
35 assigned to the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division but as a "regimental  
36 combat team" instead of as a regular regiment; the following  
37 month, in August of 1950, the 5<sup>th</sup> REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM was  
38 reassigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division and during the next month,  
39 September of 1950, it was reassigned to the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
40 Division where it replaced the division's 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment;  
41 it remained with the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division until January of



1 1952, when it officially became a separate regimental combat  
2 team again and was assigned to IX-Corps; the 5<sup>th</sup> REGIMENTAL  
3 COMBAT TEAM consisted of the 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment 555 Field  
4 Artillery Battalion (105mm) (Known as The Triple-Nickel), and  
5 the 72<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Company; and  
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7 WHEREAS, begun in 1932 and chartered by Congress in 1958,  
8 the MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART is composed of military  
9 men and women who have received the Purple Heart Medal for  
10 wounds suffered in combat; the MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE  
11 HEART has a long heritage that began with General Washington  
12 giving three of his soldiers a Badge of Military Merit, a cloth  
13 purple heart, during the Revolutionary War, and continues to  
14 this day to recognize, honor, and support all veterans from each  
15 of America's wars, including veterans of the Korean War; the  
16 mission of the MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART is to foster  
17 an environment of goodwill and camaraderie among combat-wounded  
18 veterans, promote patriotism, support necessary legislative  
19 initiatives, and most importantly, provide service to all  
20 veterans and their families; and  
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22 WHEREAS, formed in 1996, the KOREAN WAR VETERANS  
23 ASSOCIATION, ALOHA CHAPTER has over 60 members, all of whom were  
24 part of the Republic of Korea's Army, Navy, or Marines; during  
25 the 1950s, these Korean soldiers were used to fill in and bring  
26 United States forces up to par; these veterans immigrated to  
27 Hawaii in the 1970s and 1980s, and most have become American  
28 citizens; since 2004, the Aloha Chapter has conducted the Korean  
29 War Anniversary ceremony on June 25 at the Punchbowl National  
30 Cemetery of the Pacific; and  
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32 WHEREAS, these four organizations foster camaraderie among  
33 veterans, promote patriotism, and provide support services to  
34 Korean War veterans and their families; now, therefore,  
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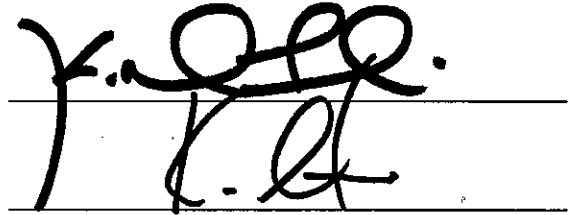
36 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
37 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
38 Session of 2014, that this body hereby recognizes the KOREAN WAR  
39 VETERANS - MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART; KOREAN WAR  
40 VETERANS - 5<sup>TH</sup> REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM; KOREAN WAR VETERANS  
41 ASSOCIATION, HAWAII CHAPTER 1; AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS



1 ASSOCIATION, ALOHA CHAPTER in observance of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
2 of the conclusion of the Korean War, and expresses its deep  
3 appreciation to all Korean War Veterans for their dedicated  
4 service to our nation.

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