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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU AND THE STATE OF HAWAII TO
HONOR THE VETERANS OF THE STATE OF HAWAII BY COMMITTING TO
THE RESTORATION OF THE WAIKIKI NATATORIUM.

1 WHEREAS, it is estimated that the dedication of the
2 Natatorium honors over 10,000 men and women of Hawaii who served
3 overseas as soldiers, sailors, Red Cross workers, ambulance
4 drivers and missionaries; and

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6 WHEREAS, when the Natatorium opened on August 24, 1927, the
7 first dive into the pool was by Duke Kahanamoku, celebrating his
8 birthday, followed by a World & National Swim Competition that
9 included Johnny Weissmuller and Buster Crabbe, who won their
10 respective races; and

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12 WHEREAS, the Territory of Hawaii purchased property in
13 Waikiki specifically for a Memorial Park to be built upon the
14 site; and

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16 WHEREAS, the 1921 Territorial Legislature unanimously
17 authorized and funded the Olympic Size Salt Water Natatorium in
18 time for a World and National Swimming competition; and

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20 WHEREAS, the Natatorium was placed on the National Historic
21 Register on August 11, 1980 as site # 80001283; and

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23 WHEREAS, third and fourth generation family members
24 continue to attend services at the Natatorium on Memorial Day
25 and Veterans Day to honor their relatives; now, therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the
29 House of Representatives concurring, that the City & County of
30 Honolulu and the State of Hawaii honor the commitment to the
31 Veterans and implement full restoration of this National
32 Treasure; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the most fitting tribute to
3 those men and women of Hawaii who served overseas is to
4 permanently inscribe the names of the fallen service members on
5 the walls of the Natatorium; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this practice of honoring the
8 fallen service men and women at the Natatorium shall continue
9 apply to future fallen service members; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
13 President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of
14 Representatives, all Hawaii State Senators and Representatives,
15 the Mayor of the City & County of Honolulu, the Managing
16 Director of the City & County of Honolulu, all Honolulu City
17 Council members; The Veterans of Foreign Wars; the Navy League
18 of Hawaii; the Marine Corps League of Hawaii and all Oahu
19 Neighborhood Board chairs; and

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