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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO
WORK WITH THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION
AND OTHER INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS TO PLAN AND CONSTRUCT A
HAWAII EMERGENCY RESPONDER AND GOOD SAMARITAN MEMORIAL.

1 WHEREAS, The National Fallen Firefighter Foundation
2 maintains a physical memorial for fallen firefighters in
3 Emmitsburg, Maryland; and
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5 WHEREAS, The National EMS Memorial Service maintains a
6 physical memorial, the Tree of Life, and has plans for a new,
7 permanent memorial in recognition of aeromedical line of duty
8 deaths in Colorado Springs, Colorado; and
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10 WHEREAS, numerous states and municipalities have
11 firefighter, emergency medical technician, or lifeguard
12 memorials; and
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14 WHEREAS, H.C.R. No. 139, Regular Session of 2010,
15 recognized the profound sacrifices made by law enforcement
16 personnel and laid the groundwork for various organizations to
17 plan and construct a Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial on land set
18 aside by the Department of Accounting and General Services; and
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20 WHEREAS, Act 14, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, directed the
21 construction of a state law enforcement memorial in the Capitol
22 District; and
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24 WHEREAS, sixteen emergency responders not covered by the
25 Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation have lost their lives
26 in the line of duty in Hawaii; and
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28 WHEREAS, good Samaritans may also make the ultimate
29 sacrifice in their service to the community; and
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31 WHEREAS, with the construction of a Hawaii Emergency
32 Responder and Good Samaritan Memorial, the Legislature, along
33 with the families of fallen emergency responders and good



1 Samaritans, may forever honor their service, which was
2 selflessly given to the people of Hawaii; now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014,
6 that the Department of Accounting and General Services is
7 requested to work with representatives, or their designees, of
8 the Hawaii Emergency Medical Services Association and other
9 interested organizations to plan and construct the Hawaii
10 Emergency Responder and Good Samaritan Memorial to be located on
11 the grounds of the Hawaii State Capitol; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that private funds be solicited and
14 used for the memorial's construction; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting
17 and General Services is requested to coordinate and consider
18 constructing the memorial on the Diamond Head side of the
19 Kalanimoku Building, and to maintain the memorial; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting
22 and General Services is requested to submit a report on its
23 plans, including findings, recommendations, projected costs, and
24 any implementing legislation, to coordinate, construct, and
25 maintain the memorial to the Legislature no later than twenty
26 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
29 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Comptroller, and
30 Hawaii Emergency Medical Services Association.
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