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HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING ABENEL "TIGER" WONG FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF HAWAII.

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Hawai'i are proud to recognize those individuals who selflessly give so much of their time, energies, talents and sincere compassion to faithfully serve the community; and

WHEREAS, Abenel "Tiger" Wong was born on May 9, 1919, in Kohala. At the age of 14 he left the island of Hawai'i to move to Oahu via a cattle boat named "Moi" to start his next adventures; and

WHEREAS, in 1943 Abenel "Tiger" Wong joined United Sate Army Infantry. On June 6, 1944, 13,100 paratroopers of the U.S. 82nd Airborne and 101st Airborne Divisions made night parachute drops onto Normandy early on D-Day, followed by 3,937 glider troops. Abenel "Tiger" Wong was among those 3,337 glider troops. During this battle, he lost the tail of his glider and was injured and flown to hospital in Buffalo, New York and later transferred to Tripler General Hospital on Oahu; and

WHEREAS, while waiting for an honorable disability discharge, Abenel "Tiger" Wong re-enlisted to fight in the Korean War in the 5th Ranger Outfit. During the Korean War, he suffered both gunshot and knife wounds. Although wounded, Abenel "Tiger" Wong saved the life of a fellow soldier who lost both of his legs during the battle; and

WHEREAS, for his service Abenel "Tiger" Wong earned two purple hearts; and

WHEREAS, in 1961 Abenel "Tiger" Wong joined the Honolulu Police Department, solo bike division. Then in 1963 he became a crane operator for Hawaiian Dredging for 27 years; and

WHEREAS, throughout Abenel "Tiger" Wong's life he has been in numerous motorcycle clubs including, Hells Angels, Aliis, Devils Breed, Keolamana, and Koa Puna; and

WHEREAS, In 1978, Abenel "Tiger" Wong established internationally known motorcycle club called, Worldwide Motorcycle Club, with its mission to promote and support the charitable efforts of other motorcycle clubs and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Abenel "Tiger" Wong's vision was to create a group that united Hawaii's locals with current and ex-members of the U.S. Armed Forces, law enforcement officers, and other non-service members. His hope was to promote a worldwide spirit of protecting others and rendering aid to those who are less fortunate than themselves; and

WHEREAS, Abenel "Tiger" Wong has served as grand marshal for both Street Bikers United Oahu Chapter's 40th annual Hawaii Toy Run Parade to support U.S. Marines' annual Toys for Tots campaign and Waimanalo Christmas Parade in 2014; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, hereby commends and applauds the contributions of Abenel "Tiger" Wong, and extends its warmest Aloha and best wishes for success, happiness, and in all future endeavors.

OFFERED BY:

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