

SCR48 / SR22

Measure Title: REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ORDER THAT WHENEVER THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES IS FLOWN ON A PERMANENT FLAGPOLE IN FRONT OF THE STATE CAPITOL BUILDING, THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES' POW/MIA FLAG SHALL BE FLOWN ON THE SAME HALYARD.

Report Title: State Capitol; POW/MIA Flag; Korean War; Vietnam War

Description:

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: GVO/PSM, JDL

Introducer(s): WAKAI

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 48 AND SENATE RESOLUTION 22, RELATING TO REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ORDER THAT WHENEVER THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES IS FLOWN ON A PERMANENT FLAGPOLE IN FRONT OF THE STATE CAPITOL BUILDING, THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES' POW/MIA FLAG SHALL BE FLOWN ON THE SAME HALYARD.

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY
AFFAIRS

BY

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March 15, 2016

Good afternoon Chair Mercado Kim and Ihara and Vice Chair Nishihara and Espero, and members of the Committees:

I'm Ron Han, Director of the State Office of Veterans Services. I appreciate this opportunity to provide written testimony in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 48 and Senate Resolution 22 as long as its implementation does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Budget.

This bill requests that the National League of Families' POW/MIA flag be flown on the same halyard as the United States flag to honor the sacrifices made by members of United States Armed Forces. This POW/MIA flag is a tangible and lasting tribute to those service members who protected, sustained liberty and freedom, and enabled us to live the American way of life but were never able to return home.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my comments.

The Uniformed Service Member's Voice in Government
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES
Hawaii Chapter (HI-1)

March 12th, 2016

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE CONTINUING RESOLUTION 48 AND
SENATE RESOLUTION 22**

**RELATING TO REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ORDER THE
NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES POWMIA FLAG BE FLOWN ON THE
SAME HALYARD, UNDER THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES,
WHENEVER IT IS FLOWN IN FRONT OF THE STATE CAPITOL**

**SENATE COMMITTEES ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC
SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

HEARING AT 2:30PM ON MARCH 15TH 2016, IN CONFERENCE ROOM 414

Aloha Chairs Mercado-Kim and Nishihara, and Vice Chairs Ihara and Espero: Mahalo for providing this opportunity to share our sentiments, regarding the subject resolutions with you. On Capitol Hill, the National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS) is well known, as "The Service Member's Voice in Government." Here, in the great State of Hawaii, NAUS Hawaii Chapter (HI-1) serves at the will and pleasure of our nation's largest per-capita uniformed services community.

NAUS Hawaii Chapter (HI-1) is extremely grateful for your willingness to address the subject issue to our Governor: Our POWs and MIAs are, without a doubt, the loneliest warriors on the planet; their loved ones suffer silently, perpetual anguish.

Flying the National League of Families POWMIA flag, as prescribed in SCR 48 and SR 22, will announce to the world that we will honor and remember these unsung heroes, and their loved ones, each and every day, until they return home.

Thank you for being here for us,

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