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Robert	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Robert Cox. I was born and raised in Hawaii and graduated from Radford High School in 1963. I am a Lifetime Purple Heart Member and currently serving as Senior Vice-Commander of the MOPH Rainbow Chapter 483 here in Honolulu. I too was wounded in Vietnam while serving a one-year tour as an Army combat infantryman. I support Bill SCR51 with all my heart and urge our Legislators and Governor Ige to proclaim the **State of Hawai'i** as the "**PURPLE HEART STATE**".

**Robert Cox**

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Janet Kama	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This is an important bill! Hawaii is one of the few states that has failed to take this action to recognize those men and women who have fought for and bled or died in defense of our nation.

So far, only Hawaii County has proclaimed itself to be a "Purple Heart County" and we are working with Honolulu and the other counties to do the same.

I also hope that the governor and legislature will take steps to declare sections of highways on each island used to get to our Veterans Cemeteries as part of the "National Purple Heart Trail."

Again, Hawaii is the only state that has not taken this action to honor our combat-wounded veterans. It seems a small price to pay considering the sacrifices we have made for our fellow citizens.

Please see that this bill gets enacted. We, the combat-wounded veterans of Hawaii are counting on your support!

Mahalo in advance for your positive consideration of this request.