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Tevita Tulahe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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Aloha e Chair Kapela, Vice Chair Kong, & Members of the Committee,

My name is Tevita Tulahe, and I am a proud active duty service member of the United States Army. I was born and raised in Wailuku, Maui, and no matter where my service takes me, Hawai'i will always be my home.

I write today in strong support of SCR112 SD1, which requests the City and County of Honolulu to light up Honolulu Hale in purple on August 7th of each year to honor National Purple Heart Day.

As a Ranger in the United States Army, I have been deployed to combat zones. I have seen things, realities of war and sacrifice that have left a permanent impression on me. These experiences have deepened my respect for the courage and resilience of our service members, especially those who have borne the wounds of battle. I know what it means to walk beside soldiers who carry not only their gear, but their weight of pain and loss. Some have returned home changed forever, others have not returned at all.

The Purple Heart stands as a symbol of those sacrifices. It is awarded to those wounded or killed in service to our nation, individuals who exemplify valor, duty, and unwavering commitment. Lighting Honolulu Hale in purple each year is more than a gesture, it's a public act of remembrance, a way for our community to say, we see you, we thank you, and we will never forget.

This act of recognition will not only honor Purple Heart recipients but will also help educate our community, especially our keiki, about the price of freedom and the values of service and sacrifice. It reflects the deep military roots and respect that are part of Hawai'i's identity.

I respectfully urge the passage of SCR112 SD1. Let us honor the legacy and courage of our Purple Heart recipients by lighting our city in purple on August 7.

Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration.

With deepest respect and aloha,
Tevita Tulahe

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Comments:

Good morning, Chair Kapela, Vice Chair Kong, and Members of the committee.

As a proud veteran of the United States Army, I am in **Strong Support** of the initiative that is SCR112, REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO LIGHT UP CITY HALL WITH PURPLE LIGHTS ON AUGUST 7 OF EACH YEAR IN HONOR NATIONAL PURPLE HEART DAY.

This resolution would assist in raising awareness for its designated day, as well as our troops. The Purple Heart award is awarded to those who have been wounded or made the ultimate sacrifice protecting our freedom, values, and the fundamentals we built America on. While its true that there are mixed feelings in Hawaii about the military presence, we cannot overlook the sacrifices made by those who wear our uniform, many even calling this place home. Regardless of politics and personal feelings towards the matter, we must find gratitude. Honoring those recipients is about recognizing the human cost of service and those the individuals that stepped forward to protect those who didn't or couldn't. Lighting up the City Hall is a reminder for us about our wounded and fallen, even those actively serving, as well as educating our younger and future generations the significance of service and sacrifice.