RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THOSE WHO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE
FAMILIES OF DEPLOYED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

WHEREAS, there are over one million children who are the
sons or daughters of members of the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the families of members of the Armed Forces
provide unconditional love and support to their loved ones
serving in the Armed Forces before, during, and after their
deployment in service to the United States; and

WHEREAS, by providing this vital support, these families
provide an essential service to their country, along with their
deployed family members; and

WHEREAS, while significant government resources are made
available to the families of members of the Armed Forces who
reside on or near a military installation, resources for
families of deployed Reserve and National Guard members are
often not as accessible because these families do not reside
near a military installation; and

WHEREAS, nonprofit organizations have filled this gap by
dedicating themselves to ensuring that children of military
families receive the support they need while their parents are
deployed; and

WHEREAS, these services from nonprofit organizations
include crucial extracurricular activities and programs for
school-aged children of deployed Reserve and National Guard
members; and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit organizations providing these
services include Our Military Kids, Inc., Parents as Teachers,
Citizen-Soldier Support program, Operation Homefront, Inc.,
American Military Family, Inc., Kids Serve 2, and Salute Our Services; and

WHEREAS, these programs and organizations help the families of deployed Armed Forces members to maintain as normal a life as possible through services and grants that provide resources that might otherwise be unavailable to these families; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, that the Legislature hereby recognizes and commends those who provide support to the families of deployed members of the Armed Forces; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature also honors military families and the nongovernmental organizations that support them; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, Chief of Naval Operations of the U.S. Navy, Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, Executive Director of Our Military Kids, Inc., President and Chief Executive Officer of Parents as Teachers, Principal Investigator of Citizen-Soldier Support Program, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Operation Homefront, Inc., Founder of American Military Family, Inc., and Kids Serve 2 care of the Chief Executive Officer of Salute Our Services, Inc.

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