
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

AWARDING THE HAWAII MEDAL OF HONOR TO UNITED STATES MILITARY
SERVICE MEMBERS WITH HAWAII CONNECTIONS KILLED IN ACTION
WHILE SERVING IN DANGEROUS, VOLATILE, AND UNSTABLE AREAS OF
THE WORLD, INCLUDING IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN.

1 WHEREAS, in times of threats to our nation's security, the
2 United States Armed Forces stand ready to defend and protect our
3 nation; and

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5 WHEREAS, the United States Armed Forces also protect the
6 lives and freedoms of individuals from other nations who cannot
7 fight for themselves; and

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9 WHEREAS, known for their highly skilled military personnel,
10 unwavering patriotism, and undiminishing compassion for others,
11 the United States Armed Forces bravely answered the call to
12 fight for the citizens of Iraq and Afghanistan; and

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14 WHEREAS, as a central location for armed forces training
15 and preparation, the State of Hawaii sent many of its own
16 National Guard and Military Reserves service members and United
17 States Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy service members
18 to protect Iraqi and Afghan citizens; and

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20 WHEREAS, in the course of active and unpredictable military
21 duty, members of the military often become engaged in dangerous
22 situations, endangering their own lives as they act to protect
23 innocent civilians; and

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25 WHEREAS, many airmen, airwomen, soldiers, marines, and
26 sailors with ties to Hawaii have been called to serve in some of
27 the most dangerous areas of Iraq and Afghanistan, coming into
28 contact with opposing forces on a daily basis; and



1 WHEREAS, it was with utmost bravery that many heroes with
2 ties to Hawaii were killed in action, sacrificing their lives to
3 protect the lives of American and foreign citizens; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Medal of Honor may be awarded to
6 individuals who have been killed in action, while:
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- 8 • Engaged in an action against an enemy of the United
9 States; or military operations involving conflict with
10 an opposing foreign force; or
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- 12 • Serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an
13 armed conflict against an opposing armed force in
14 which the United States is not a belligerent party; or
15 in a combat zone as designated by presidential order;
16 and
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18 WHEREAS, each recipient of the Hawaii Medal of Honor was
19 killed in action and was a member of:
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- 21 • The Hawaii National Guard, United States Military
22 Reserves, or Regular United States Armed Forces, who
23 was a legal resident of the State of Hawaii; or an
24 attendee of a school in Hawaii at some time during the
25 life of the member; or
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- 27 • The Regular United States Armed Forces, who was a
28 legal resident of the State of Hawaii; or stationed in
29 Hawaii by a proper order of the United States
30 Department of Defense; and
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32 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Hawaii are enormously
33 grateful for the service provided by these brave men and women,
34 are greatly saddened by the loss of each armed forces member,
35 and stand by the surviving family members in support and with
36 aloha; and
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38 WHEREAS, the service members will be forever remembered for
39 their ultimate act of bravery as heroes who sacrificed their
40 lives so others could be free; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature, pursuant
4 to section 5-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, awards, on behalf of
5 the people of Hawaii, the Hawaii Medal of Honor to:

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- 7 • United States Army Corporal Andrew C. Wilfahrt;
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- 9 • United States Army Staff Sergeant Mark C. Wells;
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- 11 • United States Army Sergeant Kevin W. White;
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- 13 • United States Army Private First Class Thomas C.
14 Allers;
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- 16 • United States Army Specialist William S. Blevins;
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- 18 • United States Army Private First Class Andrew M.
19 Krippner;
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- 21 • United States Army Staff Sergeant Kristofferson B.
22 Lorenzo;
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- 24 • United States Marine Corps Private First Class Josue
25 Ibarra;
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- 27 • United States Army Private First Class Joshua L.
28 Jetton;
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- 30 • United States Army Specialist Levi E. Nuncio;
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- 32 • United States Army First Lieutenant Dimitri A. Del
33 Castillo;
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- 35 • United States Army Staff Sergeant Nigel D. Kelly;
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- 37 • United States Army Specialist Kevin J. Hilaman;
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- 39 • United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Christopher
40 L. Camero;



- 1 • United States Army Staff Sergeant James M. Christen;
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- 3 • United States Army Sergeant Jacob Molina;
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- 5 • United States Army Sergeant William B. Gross Paniagua;
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- 7 • United States Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Kraig M.
- 8 Vickers;
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- 10 • United States Marine Corps Corporal Nicholas S. Ott;
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- 12 • United States Army Sergeant First Class Houston M.
- 13 Taylor;
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- 15 • United States Army Staff Sergeant Christopher R.
- 16 Newman;
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- 18 • United States Army Sergeant Christopher L. Muniz;
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- 20 • United States Army Specialist Ronald Wildrick; and
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- 22 • United States Army Staff Sergeant Joseph J. Altmann;
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature honors and
 26 remembers the sacrifices of these armed forces heroes with ties
 27 to Hawaii who fought and died bravely for the United States of
 28 America, and sends its heartfelt appreciation and sympathy to
 29 surviving family members; and

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 31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the names of these recipients
 32 be entered on the Hawaii Medal of Honor Roll; and

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 34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the two houses of the
 35 Legislature assemble in Joint Session in the Chambers of the
 36 House of Representatives at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28,
 37 2012, to present the Hawaii Medal of Honor to the family or
 38 representative of each recipient.

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 41 OFFERED BY: Calvin K. H. Say