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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN TO CREATE A STATE CAPITOL  
MEMORIAL TO HONOR THE VETERANS OF THE PERSIAN GULF WAR,  
OPERATION DESERT STORM, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, OPERATION  
ENDURING FREEDOM, AND OPERATION NEW DAWN.

1           WHEREAS, the freedom, liberties, and security that make the  
2 United States unique and that citizens of the United States  
3 enjoy are direct results of the sacrifices and continued  
4 vigilance of the United States armed forces over the course of  
5 our nation's history; and

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7           WHEREAS, in furtherance of this noble and important  
8 purpose, members of the United States armed forces have engaged  
9 in combat in several areas of the world over the past several  
10 years, including:

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12           (1) In Kuwait, by leading a coalition of international  
13 forces codenamed Operation Desert Storm in the Persian  
14 Gulf War that liberated Kuwait from Iraq;

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16           (2) In Iraq, by leading a coalition of international  
17 forces in Operation Iraqi Freedom to defeat the brutal  
18 authoritarian regime of Saddam Hussein and  
19 subsequently in Operation New Dawn to enable the  
20 building of a stable democracy in Iraq by its people  
21 by, among other things, training Iraqi security forces  
22 and mounting counterterrorism operations; and

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24           (3) In Afghanistan, by waging the ongoing war on terrorism  
25 in Operation Enduring Freedom in response to the  
26 terrorist attacks on the United States on September  
27 11, 2001, to confront terrorists on their own ground;  
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3 WHEREAS, as President Barack Obama has recognized, the  
4 members of the United States armed forces, who are "the steel in  
5 our ship of state," have completed every mission they were given  
6 at enormous sacrifice, with thousands giving their lives and  
7 tens of thousands being wounded; and

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9 WHEREAS, on July 24, 1994, Hawaii dedicated the Korean and  
10 Vietnam War Memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol; and

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12 WHEREAS, it is fitting and necessary for the State to also  
13 tangibly and visibly honor the veterans who served in the  
14 Persian Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi  
15 Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation New Dawn, and  
16 recognize their sacrifices and contributions; now, therefore,

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
19 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
20 of 2012, the Senate Concurring, that the State of Hawaii Office  
21 of Veterans' Services, with the assistance of the Department of  
22 Accounting and General Services and the Department of Defense,  
23 is requested to develop a plan to create a memorial on the  
24 grounds of the State Capitol, near the Korean and Vietnam War  
25 Memorial, that would honor the veterans of the Persian Gulf War,  
26 Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation  
27 Enduring Freedom, and Operation New Dawn; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conjunction with the  
30 foregoing plan development the Office of Veterans' Services is  
31 requested to hold a public hearing to receive comments or input  
32 from interested organizations, Hawaii residents, and the general  
33 public; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Veterans'  
36 Services, with the assistance of the Department of Accounting  
37 and General Services and Department of Defense, is further  
38 directed to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,  
39 including proposed legislation, if any, to the Legislature no  
40 later than January 1, 2013; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Adjutant General;  
3 Director of the Office of Veterans' Services; and the  
4 Comptroller.  
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