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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING ARMY PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDWARD BARUT, RECIPIENT OF THE  
PURPLE HEART MEDAL AND COMBAT ACTION BADGE, FOR HIS  
ULTIMATE ACT OF SERVICE AND VALOR IN SERVING OUR NATION.

1           WHEREAS, the richness and vitality of our nation are due to  
2 the invaluable contributions and meritorious acts of service and  
3 sacrifice by caring citizens to the community; and  
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5           WHEREAS, our nation's greatness lies in men and women of  
6 valor and strength like Army Private First Class Edward Barut  
7 who, as part of the United States Armed Forces, was deployed  
8 with the United States coalition forces to serve in Operation  
9 Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom missions in Iraq  
10 and Afghanistan; and  
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12           WHEREAS, assigned to the 1st Battalion, 21st Field  
13 Artillery, 41st Fires Brigade, Army Private First Class Edward  
14 Barut, was stationed out of Fort Hood, Texas, and was deployed  
15 to Afghanistan, where he and others in the United States Armed  
16 Forces stood poised and ready to serve the interests of our  
17 nation; and  
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19           WHEREAS, in retaliation for the September 11, 2001,  
20 terrorist attacks against the United States, Army Private First  
21 Class Edward Barut answered our nation's call to duty and action  
22 against Taliban and Al Qaeda forces; and  
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24           WHEREAS, Army Private First Class Edward Barut, son of  
25 Filomena Bungcayao and Edwin Barut, brother to Michelle Cacho,  
26 and a 2004 Waipahu High School graduate, is one of Hawaii's sons  
27 and daughters who voluntarily enlisted in the military and have  
28 been called to serve in many of the most dangerous areas of the  
29 world, including Iraq and Afghanistan, where they face  
30 opposition forces daily; and



1           WHEREAS, on a routine North Atlantic Treaty Organization  
 2 (NATO) Training Mission in Afghanistan, Army Private First Class  
 3 Edward Barut, as part of a dozen service members, traveled  
 4 through the perilous Tangi Valley during a routine mission; and  
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6           WHEREAS, on October 26, 2011, Army Private First Class  
 7 Edward Barut's convoy was ambushed twice and insurgents launched  
 8 a brutal 45-minute barrage of rocket-propelled grenades, small  
 9 arms fire, and improvised explosive devices at them; and  
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11           WHEREAS, these twelve service members successfully defended  
 12 themselves against the brutal attack, risking their own lives to  
 13 protect the innocent and uphold the freedoms of democracy; and  
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15           WHEREAS, on October 31, 2011, Army Private First Class  
 16 Edward Barut and his fellow soldiers were presented with Purple  
 17 Heart Medals and Combat Action Badges in recognition of their  
 18 bravery and acts of sacrifice, highest distinction of service,  
 19 and unwavering commitment to the American ideals of life,  
 20 liberty, and freedom; now, therefore,  
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22           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 23 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 24 of 2012, that this body hereby expresses its deepest gratitude  
 25 and heartfelt appreciation to Army Private First Class Edward  
 26 Barut for his exemplary military service, and extends to him its  
 27 warmest congratulations for being awarded the Purple Heart Medal  
 28 and Combat Action Badge for serving our country with the highest  
 29 honor, distinction, and courage.  
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