**RESOLUTION HONORING THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Whereas, In August 1949, the Department of Defense was established, unifying the separate branches of the Armed Forces under a single Executive Department, and

Whereas, Before that time separate days were designated to independently honor each of the military service, and

Whereas, Armed Forces Day was established by Presidential proclamation on August 31, 1949 to replace those separate days honoring each branch, and

Whereas, Individuals of integrity recognize that the world is a dangerous place, and evil cannot be defeated by words alone, and

Whereas, The gallant, brave, and dedicated members of our Nation’s Armed Forces have given unselfishly of themselves to preserve our republic and defend our Constitution, and

Whereas, Our Armed Forces have sworn an oath to protect and serve the American people, and to respond to any and all crises that threaten our Life, Liberty, and Pursuit of Happiness, and

Whereas, Our Armed Forces have worked tirelessly and without hesitation to end strife abroad and establish freedom for the oppressed, and

Whereas, Armed Forces Day in the United States is the third Saturday of May, and

Whereas, The Hawai‘i Republican Party is assembled today for the 2014 Hawai‘i State Convention, and

Whereas, Numerous delegates, candidates, and guests are past or present members of the Armed Forces, now, therefore be it

*Resolved,* That the Hawai‘i Republican Party honors the presence of all who are serving or have served, as well as the service, past and present, of all our military brothers and sisters worldwide, and

*Resolved*, That this Convention, on behalf of all persons present, call for all such members in attendance to stand, if able, to be recognized, and

*Resolved*, That all persons in attendance show gratitude and respect with a standing ovation, and, be it finally

*Resolved,* That copies of this resolution be posted on the Hawai‘i Republican Party website, and distributed to the media for public dissemination.

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