



The Senate

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UNITED STATES ARMY PACIFIC

Every May for the past 28 years, the entire state has celebrated Hawaii Military Appreciation Month in recognition of and gratitude for the enormous and invaluable contributions our armed forces make to our islands, our nation, and the world. This annual observance, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii with the full support of the community, is a well-deserved tribute to the men and women who have voluntarily taken up the nation's call to service to defend the ideals and principles that have made our country such a bastion of freedom, democracy, and equality and a beacon of hope for people around the globe.

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Hawaii Military Appreciation Month honors all the branches of our armed forces—the U.S. Pacific Command, U.S. Pacific Fleet, U.S. Pacific Air Forces, U.S. Army Pacific, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific, Fourteenth Coast Guard District, and Hawaii National Guard—and the exceptional men and women under these commands.

The Senate of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii hereby joins in the observance of Hawaii Military Appreciation Month and, in so doing, commends the men and women of our armed forces who serve with courage, distinction, and devotion, and extends our heartfelt gratitude for their service to Hawaii and our nation.



The 27th Legislature
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