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Testimony

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EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS (EMLA)

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Meeting

Meeting Date: Mar 5, 2024 @ 02:30 PM

Support: 7

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

Name: Tracey Olson	Email: mrsolsonscoffee@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 29, 2024 @ 04:35 PM
Testimony: Aloha! My name is Tracey Olson and I am submitting this testimony in support of Bill 7 (2024), Relating to Declaring the City and County of Honolulu a Purple Heart City. The Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and honors members of the United States Armed Forces who have been killed, wounded, or died of wounds while engaged in armed combat. The purpose of calling the City and County of Honolulu a Purple Heart City is to honor and remember those members of our community who have bravely put their lives on the line to protect our home and freedoms. I am deeply grateful for the sacrifices of these brave men and women and urge that the council pass this measure. Mahalo and thank you for letting me testify on this measure.		
Name: Claire Kurasaki	Email: ckurasak@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 29, 2024 @ 05:55 PM
Testimony: Aloha! My name is _Claire Kurasaki__ and I am submitting this testimony in support of Bill 7 (2024), Relating to Declaring the City and County of Honolulu a Purple Heart City. The Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and honors members of the United States Armed Forces who have been killed, wounded, or died of wounds while engaged in armed combat. The purpose of calling the City and County of Honolulu a Purple Heart City is to honor and remember those members of our community who have bravely put their lives on the line to protect our home and freedoms. I am deeply grateful for the sacrifices of these brave men and women and urge that the council pass this measure. Mahalo and thank you for letting me testify on this measure		
Name: JONI ANAMA	Email: joniemi@mac.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 29, 2024 @ 07:11 PM
Testimony: Aloha! My name is Joni Anama and I am submitting this testimony in support of Bill 7 (2024), Relating to Declaring the City and County of Honolulu a Purple Heart City. The Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and honors members of the United States Armed Forces who have been killed, wounded, or died of wounds while engaged in armed combat. The purpose of calling the City and County of Honolulu a Purple Heart City is to honor and remember those members of our community who have bravely put their lives on the line to protect our home and freedoms. I am deeply grateful for the sacrifices of these brave men and women and urge that the council pass this measure. Mahalo and thank you for letting me testify on this measure		
Name: Caylee Kurasaki	Email: ckurasaki21@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 1, 2024 @ 09:16 AM
Testimony: Aloha! My name is Caylee Kurasaki and I am submitting this testimony in support of Bill 7 (2024), Relating to Declaring the City and County of Honolulu a Purple Heart City. The Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and honors members of the United States Armed Forces who have been killed, wounded, or died of wounds while engaged in armed combat. The purpose of calling the City and County of Honolulu a Purple Heart City is to honor and remember those members of our community who have bravely put their lives on the line to protect our home and		

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Position:
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Mar 1, 2024 @ 04:21 PM

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Representing:
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Position:
Support

Submitted:
Mar 1, 2024 @ 09:20 PM

Testimony:

Aloha!

My name is Lissa Collins.

My father, CSM (retired) Henry NJ Lee was a Purple Heart recipient born and raised in Hawaii.

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Mahalo and thank you for letting me testify on this matter!

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Representing:
CARES

Position:
Support

Submitted:
Mar 5, 2024 @ 02:14 PM

Testimony:

CARES testifies in strong support.



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF BILL 7 (2024)
Declaring the City and County of Honolulu a Purple Heart City

Committee on Executive Matters and Legal Affairs
Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Chair
Councilmember Radiant Cordero, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 2:30 PM
Honolulu City Council Chamber

Chair Dos Santos-Tam, Vice Chair Cordero, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Military Affairs Council ("MAC") supports Bill 7 (2024).

The MAC was established in 1985 when the Chamber was appointed by the State to serve as the liaison to the military. The MAC advocates on behalf of Hawaii's military, and is comprised of business leaders, academic institutions, State and County officials, members of the CODEL, community leaders, labor unions and organizations and retired U.S. flag and general officers. The MAC works to support Hawaii's location as a strategic U.S. headquarters in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region which is crucial for U.S. national and homeland security.

Bill 7 (2024) recognizes and pays tribute to the brave men and women who have selflessly served our nation in the United States Armed Forces. Among these heroes are those who bear the mark of valor—the Purple Heart recipients. Their sacrifice, resilience, and unwavering commitment to duty deserve our utmost respect and gratitude.

Designating Honolulu as a Purple Heart City and County is a powerful way to express our deepest gratitude to the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or killed in the line of duty. The Purple Heart is a prestigious military decoration awarded to those who are injured by enemy action. By becoming a Purple Heart City and County, Honolulu would publicly acknowledge the sacrifices made by these heroes and their families.

Becoming a Purple Heart City and County places Honolulu among a network of communities across the nation that are dedicated to honoring veterans. This national recognition would bring positive attention to Honolulu and its commitment to supporting those who have served. Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support.