

BILL007(24)
Testimony

MISC. COMM. 101

COUNCIL

COUNCIL Meeting

Meeting Date: Mar 25, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 3

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

Name: Janice Johnson	Email: Mykidz93@yahoo.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 20, 2024 @ 10:12 PM
Testimony: I'm in support of this Bill to recognize and give honor to our family members, friends, and neighbors who made a life changing decision and sacrificed their lives, their livelihood, to serve and protect our great country from other parts of the world. It's not an easy feat to be in their shoes but is truly an admirable one as they stepped up to execute and accomplish their assignment. Passing this Bill is the least that our city could do to honor our men and women in uniform. Mahalo!		
Name: Claire Levinson	Email: executivedirector@theovc.org	Zip: 96818
Representing: Oahu Veterans Council	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 22, 2024 @ 08:39 PM
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Representing: Hawaii Military Affairs Council	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 23, 2024 @ 09:17 AM

OAHU VETERANS COUNCIL

Oahu Veterans Center



The Gathering Place for Veterans

March 1 2024

Honolulu City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Dear Sirs/Madam,

On behalf of the Oahu Veterans Council, which consists of 50 Veteran organizations, we fully support the Bill urging the Major to issue a proclamation declaring the City and County of Honolulu a Purple Heart City and County.

The City and County of Honolulu is home to many patriots that were wounded in our wars from the World War II, The Korean War, Vietnam War, The Gulf War, Iraq War to the War in Afghanistan. This Bill will honor all our wounded Veterans with us today and those who have passed including our own Daniel K. Inouye.

Yours sincerely,

COL. Edward Cruickshank, USA (Ret.)

Purple Heart Recipient

Commander of the Rainbow Chapter 43, Military Order of the Purple Heart

President of the Oahu Veterans Council and Center



Oahu Veterans Council Officers

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

Honolulu City Council
Councilmember Tommy Waters, Chair
Councilmember Esther Kia'aina, Vice Chair

Monday, March 25, 2024 at 10:00 AM
Honolulu City Council Chamber

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina, 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 Congressional Delegation, 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.