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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

Wednesday, April 17, 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.