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RESOLUTION

REQUEST FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE COMMANDANT OF THE U.S. MARINE CORPS, COMMANDER MARINE FORCES PACIFIC, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII, STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, THE MAYOR, INCLUDING CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIALS AND NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS FOR THE CITY OF HONOLULU ; TO REVIEW THE FULL PRESERVATION OF A NATURAL HISTORICAL SITE, ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE ISLAND O'AHU, STATE OF HAWAII, BETTER KNOWN AS; U.S. MARINE CORPS AIR STATION EWA FIELD; THE FIRST UNITED STATES INSTALLATION ATTACKED ON DECEMBER 7TH 1941, BY THE ARMED FORCES OF THE EMPIRE OF JAPAN, TO BE PRESERVED AS A NATIONAL LANDMARK, BATTLEFIELD, MUSEUM AND RESTORED PARK FOR THE STATE OF HAWAII.

WHEREAS, MCAS Ewa is one of the first Airfields in Hawaii, carved out of Kiawe Bush in 1925 and is currently 83 years old, as of this year (2008), and

WHEREAS, MCAS Ewa was a designated mooring site for the U.S. Navy's Dirigible Program of the 1930's, and

WHEREAS, four (4) U.S. Marines: Sgt William E. Lutschan, Sgt Karolo Micheletta, PFC William G. Turner, and PFC Edward S. Lawrence, were killed defending MCAS Ewa, against the direct enemy action of the Empire of Japan's armed Naval Air Force, and

WHEREAS, two (2) civilians: Yaeko Lillian Oda (6 years old) and Francisco Tacderan (34 years old), residents from Ewa Community, were killed by the Empire of Japan's armed Naval Air Force, and

WHEREAS, MCAS Ewa was the major Marine Aviation Headquarters in the Pacific during World War Two (WWII), a staging and transit point for all Marine Aviation assets moving into combat against the Empire of Japan's Air, Naval and Ground Forces, and

WHEREAS, MCAS Ewa is the birth place of Marine Fighter Squadron 214th, known as "The Blacksheep", including other famous Marine Aviation units, and

WHEREAS, MCAS Ewa Field should be considered as a National American Battlefield of the National Parks Services and to be placed on the list of National Historic places as a National Landmark, and

WHEREAS, MCAS Ewa Field is currently being considered by the President of the United States, to establish the Airport at Ewa as an expansion of the Pearl Harbor National Monument, and

WHEREAS, the Naval Air Museum Barbers Point, The Marine Corps League, Flying Leatherneck Museum, Senator Mike Gabbard, Senator Will Espero, Representative Kymberly



Pine, Representative Rida Cabanilla, members of the Oahu Veteran Council, Lt.Gen Hank Stackpole USMC (Ret), Brig.Gen Jerome Hagen USMC (Ret), Brig Gen Bob Butcher USMC (Ret), Col John Bates USMC (Ret), Major Mark Moses USMC (Ret), Major Greg Estvander USMC, Capt Ed McCourt USMC (Ret), Brad Hayes USMC, John Bond, GySgt Ronald Schaedel USMC (Ret), Bev Brennan PNCM (AW) USN (Ret), MSgt William McCray USMC, Major Colin Perry USAF (Ret), Major Don Hinton USAF (Ret), Mr David Aiken, Mr Ray Emory, Mr Dan Martinez; are ardent and strong supporters of full preservation of MCAS Ewa Field, and

THEREFORE be it resolved, that Ewa Neighborhood Board #23 supports and encourages your full support for the Preservation of MCAS Ewa Air Field, placing this Historical Landmark on the National American Battlefield register of the National Parks Service, and further encourages the support from the Office of the Governor, Office of the Mayor and other State, City and County Officials for the State of Hawaii.

BE it further resolved, that MCAS Ewa Air Field, would be considered as a National Historical Landmark, which will enhance the economy of Hawaii's Travel Industry, offering the expansion of Pearl Harbor Historical Battlefield in the Pacific. This expansion will benefit from attracting Visitors from around the world to visit MCAS Ewa Air Field, Museum and Park, enjoying a reenactment of the Empire of Japan's Naval Air Attack of World War Two (WWII). Honolulu Community Residents and Families would benefit and enjoy being employed at one of Americans greatest Historical sites in the Pacific.