
HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING KEITH Y. TAMASHIRO UPON HIS
PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF BRIGADIER GENERAL.

1 WHEREAS, strong and capable leaders are needed to ensure
2 the health, welfare, and safety of our citizenry; and
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4 WHEREAS, true leadership is a quality that must be earned
5 from peers through tenacity, perseverance, and the willingness
6 to stand for principles and goals; and
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8 WHEREAS, in the words of former General of the Army Omar
9 Nelson Bradley:

10 *"Dependability, integrity, the*
11 *characteristic of never knowingly doing*
12 *anything wrong, that you would never cheat*
13 *anyone, that you would give everybody a fair*
14 *deal. Character is a sort of an all-*
15 *inclusive thing. If a man has character,*
16 *everyone has confidence in him."*; and
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19 WHEREAS, no one better epitomizes "dependability",
20 "integrity", and "character" than KEITH Y. TAMASHIRO; and
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22 WHEREAS, born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, but having
23 long family ties to Wahiawa, Central Oahu, KEITH Y. TAMASHIRO
24 has been a resident of the State of Hawaii for the past thirty
25 years; and
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27 WHEREAS, initially commissioned as a Distinguished Military
28 Graduate in the Field Artillery through the ROTC program at
29 DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois, KEITH Y. TAMASHIRO
30 served on active duty from 1984 to 1988 as a Company Field
31 Support Officer, Battery Fire Direction Officer, Battery



1 Executive Officer, Battalion S1 and Battalion Fire Support
2 Officer; and

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4 WHEREAS, in December 1988, KEITH Y. TAMASHIRO left active
5 duty and joined the 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery of the
6 Hawaii Army National Guard, where he served as the Battalion
7 Fire Direction Officer, Batter Commander (B Btry), Plans
8 Officer, battalion Fire Support Officer, Battalion S3 and
9 Battalion XO; and

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11 WHEREAS, on April 7, 2001, KEITH Y. TAMASHIRO assumed
12 command of the 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery and served as
13 Battalion Commander for over five years; and

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15 WHEREAS, KEITH Y. TAMASHIRO led the battalion as part of
16 the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team's deployment in support of
17 Operations Iraqi Freedom in 2004 where in addition to commanding
18 the battalion, he was the base camp commander for over 2,100
19 personnel at the Kuwait Naval Base while also managing soldiers
20 spread out over three different locations in Iraq; and

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22 WHEREAS, relinquishing command in July 2007, KEITH Y.
23 TAMASHIRO was reassigned as the Deputy Chief of Staff at the
24 Joint Forces Headquarters; and

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26 WHEREAS, on July 8, 2007, KEITH Y. TAMASHIRO assumed
27 command of the 298th Regional Training Institute Multifunctional
28 Training Unit where he was responsible for the Officer Candidate
29 Program, NCOES and MOSQ courses; and

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31 WHEREAS, in May 2010, KEITH Y. TAMASHIRO assumed a second
32 Major Subordinate Command as the Brigade Commander for the 20th
33 Infantry Brigade Combat Team; and

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35 WHEREAS, in February 2012, KEITH Y. TAMASHIRO relinquished
36 command and was reassigned as the G2/Assistant Land Component
37 Commander for the Hawaii Army National Guard; and

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1 WHEREAS, on June 1, 2013, KEITH Y. TAMASHIRO was assigned
2 to his current position as the Assistant Adjutant General and
3 Director of the Joint Staff for the Hawaii National Guard; and
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5 WHEREAS, on March 5, 2014, before his friends, family, and
6 colleagues, KEITH Y. TAMASHIRO was promoted to the rank of
7 Brigadier General at a ceremony held at the Hawaii State
8 Capitol; and
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10 WHEREAS, on behalf of a grateful State of Hawaii, the House
11 of Representatives recognizes KEITH Y. TAMASHIRO for exemplary
12 conduct, leadership, and character befitting the best and
13 brightest that we have to offer; now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
16 Twenty-Seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
17 Session of 2014, that this body hereby commends and
18 congratulates KEITH Y. TAMASHIRO on his promotion to the rank of
19 Brigadier General and extends to him and his wife, the former
20 Iwalani (Iwie) Kaninau, its warmest ALOHA and best wishes for
21 continued success in all future endeavors; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Resolution be transmitted to the Adjutant General of the State
25 of Hawaii, and Brigadier General Keith Y. Tamashiro.
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OFFERED BY: 

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