Resolution Relating to the Establishment of the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Program at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

WHEREAS, the 2002 Resolution Relating to the Proposal for a Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Program at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa was defeated by a vote of 19 against, 10 for and 6 abstained, and

WHEREAS, the US Navy cannot propose establishment of a NROTC program at any university, a member of the community initiated the establishment of NROTC program at UHM, and

WHEREAS, the “Don’t ask, don’t tell” policy of the Federal government is no longer in effect, and

WHEREAS, the UHM Administration does not have an official position, and it has taken no steps to create or to encourage the creation of such a program, and

WHEREAS, the existing Army ROTC and Air Force ROTC were established in 1921 and 1952, respectively, and are successful, award-winning programs reporting enrollments of about 180 and 84 students, respectively, at Mānoa annually, and providing more than 1.6 million dollar worth of cadet scholarships in 2012, and

WHEREAS, the Naval ROTC program would award scholarship funds to qualified students to support their educational needs, and

WHEREAS, ROTC students complete regular university degrees at UH departments with additional coursework required and taught by naval officers and ROTC programs have received regular reviews successfully by outside agencies and by the UH administration, and

WHEREAS, being an island state with strong Naval presence, there seems to be a logical need for a Naval ROTC program in Hawai‘i.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mānoa Faculty Senate recommends the establishment of a Naval ROTC program at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

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