



RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE MAYOR TO PLACE A PLAQUE AT THE CORNER OF KALAKAUA AVENUE AND KAPIOLANI BOULEVARD HONORING "GENERAL" JOHN H. ROGERS, JR., FOR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

WHEREAS, the third of eleven children and a native of Oxford, Mississippi, "General" John H. Rogers, Jr. served in the Army for twenty-two years, retired on June 1, 1988, as a Master Sergeant, and earned several awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Vietnam Service Medal with six campaign stars; and

WHEREAS, "General" Rogers worked tirelessly to ease the suffering of those unfortunate children who were directly affected during and after the conflict in Vietnam, where he served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1972; and

WHEREAS, when Saigon fell in 1975, "General" Rogers was in the United States, and he lost track of his Vietnamese daughter; and

WHEREAS, "General" Rogers was reunited with his daughter, Gloria Jean Rogers, in a subsequent trip to Vietnam in search of her, and who now lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, on his 1988 trip to Vietnam to find Gloria, he discovered the plight of American-Asian children that were fathered by American servicemen and orphaned by the war; and

WHEREAS, in compassion for these children, "General" Rogers founded the Foundation for Amerasian Children Emergency Support (FACES-USA) and established orphanages and safe houses for American-Asian children who had been living on the streets of Saigon and other large cities; and

WHEREAS, after opening the first halfway house for American-Asian children in Ho Chi Minh City on May 2, 1989, "General" Rogers was applauded by President George H.W. Bush and the United States Department of State for his efforts to improve the welfare of American-Asians in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, since the end of the war in 1975, "General" Rogers appeared in numerous national and international television broadcasts and newspaper reports for his humanitarian work for Vietnamese-Americans, veterans, and homeless persons; and



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WHEREAS, on January 10, 1994, "General" Rogers was invited by Congressman Lucien E. Blackwell of Pennsylvania to join him and members of Congress on a fact finding mission to the Philippines pursuant to H.R. 2013 (103rd), "Commission on Filipino Veterans Entitlement Act" and H.R. 2429, "The Philippines Amerasians Act of 1993"; and

WHEREAS, inspired by the World War I veterans Bonus March in 1932 and the 1995 Million Man March, "General" Rogers brought together private corporations, concerned individuals, and national and grassroots veterans organizations nationwide for the inaugural National Veterans Rights March/Rally in 1996, which saw the participation of hundreds of thousands of veterans; and

WHEREAS, "General" Rogers founded BRAVO HAWAII, the Hawaii chapter of the Brotherhood Rally of All Veterans Organizations and held the organizational rank of "General", and collaborated with agencies and other groups in organizing humanitarian activities and programs to support veterans, such as "Picnic in the Park", "Stand Downs", and weekly meals for homeless veterans and the homeless at Fort DeRussy Beach; and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 1997, "General" Rogers opened Hawaii's first ever "Homeless Veterans Transition Center" in Wahiawa for homeless veterans, their spouses, and children to give them a hand up, not a hand out, and preserve their sense of their own human dignity; and

WHEREAS, "General" Rogers produced and hosted a monthly community television program called "BRAVO HAWAII Veterans Talk, Bringing Veterans Together" to discuss veterans and military related issues, activities, and programs; and

WHEREAS, "General" Rogers was well known in Honolulu for waving the United States flag and greeting commuters, during the morning commute at the corners of Kapiolani Boulevard and Kalakaua Avenue six days a week, which he had been doing regularly since January 1998; and

WHEREAS, "General" Rogers passed away in December 2001 after becoming ill while waving his flag and greeting commuters at his usual spot across from the Hawaii Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, past governors of Hawaii and mayors of the City and County have honored "General" Rogers for his humanitarian work; and



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WHEREAS, "General" Rogers has received several proclamations from the Governor of Hawaii and the Mayor of Honolulu, and governors of twelve states, for "Amerasians Awareness Day" in their states; and

WHEREAS, On April 11, 2013 the Hawaii State Senate approved S.R. No. 97, S.D. 1, requesting the Mayor and the Council of the City and County of Honolulu to honor "General" Rogers for his dedicated service to the United States; and

WHEREAS, "General" John H. Rogers' dedication to his country, the active duty and retired military community, and others has inspired many people to live up to standards and traditions for which Americans are known and respected around the world; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it recognizes and honors "General" John H. Rogers, Jr. for his service to the United States and his tireless dedication to humanitarian causes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council requests the Mayor to place a plaque on the corner of Kalakaua Avenue and Kapiolani Boulevard honoring "General" John H. Rogers, Jr.; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the President of the Hawaii State Senate.

INTRODUCED BY:

Alan Kobayashi

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
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RESOLUTION 13-187

Introduced: 08/12/13 By: ANN KOBAYASHI

Committee: PUBLIC WORKS AND
SUSTAINABILITY

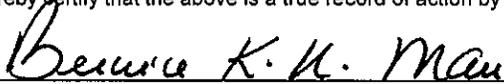
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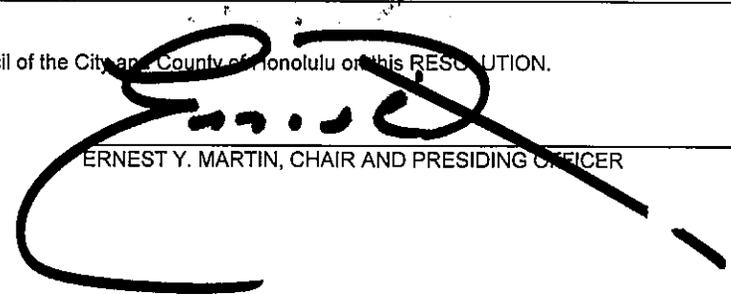
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08/21/13	PUBLIC WORKS AND SUSTAINABILITY	CR-256 - RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION.
09/11/13	COUNCIL	CR-256 AND RESOLUTION 13-187 WERE ADOPTED. 9 AYES: ANDERSON, CHANG, FUKUNAGA, HARIMOTO, KOBAYASHI, MARTIN, MANAHAN, MENOR, PINE.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.


BERNICE K. N. MAU, CITY CLERK


ERNEST Y. MARTIN, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER