
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE PLANNED COMMEMORATION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE FUKUOKA AND HAWAII SISTER-STATE
RELATIONSHIP.

1 WHEREAS, Fukuoka Prefecture is Kyushu's largest and one of
2 Japan's most populous cities that has flourished as a city rich
3 in culture, academia, and business; and
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5 WHEREAS, the idea to establish the sister-state
6 relationship originated with members of the Fukuoka City Chamber
7 of Commerce and the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce at the
8 15th Japan-American Conference of Mayors and Chamber of Commerce
9 Presidents held in 1980; and
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11 WHEREAS, in 1981, a sister-state-prefecture relationship
12 was created between Hawaii and Fukuoka which initiated an
13 international air route connected directly to Hawaii; and
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15 WHEREAS, a significant ongoing affiliation has been
16 established, which promotes cultural and economic interchange,
17 encourages goodwill and understanding, and strengthens the bonds
18 of friendship between the people of Fukuoka and Hawaii; and
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20 WHEREAS, annual sports contests and activities, business
21 and industry conferences, and World Fukuoka Kenjin Kai
22 conferences have attracted thousands of Fukuoka prefecture
23 residents to Hawaii; and
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25 WHEREAS, mutual educational benefits are created when
26 students from Fukuoka's Prefectural Fisheries High School visit
27 Hawaii's high schools and the Department of Business, Economic
28 Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) send a delegation to Fukuoka to
29 discuss Hawaii's school excursion programs; and
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31 WHEREAS, Hawaii and Fukuoka entered into an exchange
32 agreement, which assigned an official from Fukuoka to the Office



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1 of the Governor to study Hawaii's governmental structure, assist
 2 in Japanese-English translations, and assist the Legislature in
 3 protocol matters, while Fukuoka hosted an official from Hawaii
 4 in return; and

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 6 WHEREAS, there are plans for celebratory receptions in
 7 Fukuoka in connection with DBEDT's plans for a trade exposition
 8 in May and the Fukuoka Kenjin Kai, Hawaii Chapter, plans to
 9 present a ceremonial gift to commemorate the 25th anniversary of
 10 the Fukuoka and Hawaii sister-state relationship; now, therefore

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 12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 13 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 14 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that this Legislature supports
 15 the planned celebration of the 25th anniversary of the
 16 Fukuoka/Hawaii sister-state relationship in May 2007; and

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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the
 20 Fukuoka Prefecture, Governor of the State of Hawaii, Speaker and
 21 Vice Speaker of the Fukuoka Assembly, Speaker of the Hawaii
 22 House of Representatives, President of the Hawaii Senate,
 23 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and
 24 President of Fukuoka Kenjin Kai, Hawaii Chapter.

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