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# 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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, that 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) sends a delegation to Fukuoka  
29 to discuss Hawaii's school excursion programs; and



1           WHEREAS, Hawaii and Fukuoka entered into an exchange  
2 agreement, which assigned an official from Fukuoka to the Office  
3 of the Governor to study Hawaii's governmental structure, assist  
4 in Japanese-English translations, and assist the Legislature in  
5 protocol matters, while Fukuoka hosted an official from Hawaii  
6 in return; and  
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8           WHEREAS, there are plans for celebratory receptions in  
9 Fukuoka in connection with DBEDT's plans for a trade exposition  
10 in May and the Fukuoka Kenjin Kai, Hawaii Chapter, plans to  
11 present a ceremonial gift to commemorate the twenty-fifth  
12 anniversary of the Fukuoka and Hawaii sister-state relationship;  
13 now, therefore,  
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15           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
16 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
17 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature supports  
18 the planned celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the  
19 Fukuoka and Hawaii sister-state relationship in May 2006; and  
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21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the  
23 Fukuoka Prefecture, Governor of the State of Hawaii, Speaker and  
24 Vice Speaker of the Fukuoka Assembly, Speaker of the Hawaii  
25 House of Representatives, President of the Hawaii Senate,  
26 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and  
27 President of Fukuoka Kenjin Kai, Hawaii Chapter.

