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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING HAWAII'S FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICIALS TO SEEK AN EXCEPTION TO HOMELAND SECURITY POLICIES THAT BAR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES ON HAWAII'S WATERFRONT SO THAT SPECIFIC PIERS MAY BE USED BY THE PUBLIC TO DECORATE FLOATS FOR THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION, PRINCE KUHIO COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION, AND THE ALOHA WEEK FESTIVALS.

1           WHEREAS, annual parades are an integral part of the Prince  
2           Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole commemorative celebration, the King  
3           Kamehameha celebration, and the Aloha Week festivals; and

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5           WHEREAS, the Hawaii Tourism Authority has recognized the  
6           cultural and economic significance of these events; and

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8           WHEREAS, floral, decorated floats have been a historic  
9           Hawaii tradition since the inception of the parades that are  
10          held during the celebrations; and

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12          WHEREAS, non-commercial floats use donated materials from  
13          the community and are created by community volunteers; and

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15          WHEREAS, businesses located on Hawaii's waterfront have  
16          graciously supported this community-based activity by allowing  
17          the use of their hangars; and

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19          WHEREAS, space located on Honolulu waterfront piers have  
20          been used to decorate floats for more than fifty years; and

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22          WHEREAS, recently the construction and decoration of floats  
23          for these parades, particularly the Prince Jonah Kuhio  
24          Kalaniana'ole and the King Kamehameha parades, were seriously  
25          impeded by the closure of piers at Honolulu harbor due to  
26          homeland security policies; and

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28          WHEREAS, more than ten float entries for the 2005 King  
29          Kamehameha parade were withdrawn because of the lack of space at



1 a reasonable cost that is within a reasonable distance of the  
2 parade start location; and  
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4 WHEREAS, cost estimates indicate that adequate space to  
5 decorate floats is available at \$2,000 or more per day; and  
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7 WHEREAS, homeland security policies should consider the  
8 tradition and culture of Hawaii's activities surrounding these  
9 significant commemorative events whenever possible; now,  
10 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 federal, state, and county  
15 officials are urged to support an exception to homeland security  
16 policies that bar certain activities on Hawaii's waterfront so  
17 that specific piers may be used by the public to decorate floral  
18 floats for these commemorative parades, as has been done for  
19 over fifty years; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's congressional  
23 delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the Chairperson  
24 of the Board of Directors and the Executive Director of the  
25 Hawaii Tourism Authority, the Mayor of the City and County of  
26 Honolulu, the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the  
27 Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, and the Chairpersons of the  
28 Kamehameha Day Celebration Commission and the Aloha Week  
29 Festivals Commission.  
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