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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE PRESERVATION OF JAPANESE SHRINES AND TEMPLES IN  
HAWAI`I.

1           WHEREAS, shrinkage in congregation and neglect of Japanese  
2 temples and shrines caused many of these places to fall in  
3 disrepair or have closed; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the temples and shrines served an historically  
6 important function as religious, social, and cultural centers  
7 for an immigrant populations assimilating itself into the larger  
8 culture of Hawai`i; and  
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10           WHEREAS, the design of the temples and shrines created a  
11 new and unique architectural form by combining the traditional  
12 Japanese architectural motifs with new materials, construction  
13 methods, and architectural forms unique to Hawai`i; and  
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15           WHEREAS the design and style of these buildings are unique  
16 to Hawaii, not seen anywhere else in the world, and evolved as  
17 the Japanese assimilated and prospered in Hawaii; and  
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19           WHEREAS, the evolutionary design of the temples tell an  
20 important story of how the Japanese community immigrated to and  
21 changed while in Hawaii; and  
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23           WHEREAS, the preservation of the temples and shrines will  
24 preserve their unique architectural forms, and provide economic,  
25 cultural, and historical benefit to the state; and  
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27           WHEREAS, the Federal Government financially assists state  
28 historic preservation projects through a variety of funding  
29 sources including the Federal Historic Preservation Fund, which  
30 provides a two third match (60% Federal/40% non-Federal) of non-  
31 Federal funding sources for local historic preservation efforts;  
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1 WHEREAS, the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966  
 2 states "the historical and cultural foundations of the Nation  
 3 should be preserved as a living part of our community life and  
 4 development in order to give a sense of orientation to the  
 5 American people"; now, therefore,

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 7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 8 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 9 of 2006, that this body support the preservation of traditional  
 10 Japanese temples and shrines for future generations; and

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 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
 13 Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House.  
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