
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE PLANNED 2006 COMMEMORATION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE FUKUOKA AND HAWAII SISTER-STATE
RELATIONSHIP.

1 WHEREAS, Fukuoka Prefecture is Kyushu's largest prefecture
2 that is rich in culture, academia, and business; and
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4 WHEREAS, the idea to establish the sister-state
5 relationship originated with members of the Fukuoka City Chamber
6 of Commerce and the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce at the
7 15th Japan-American Conference of Mayors and Chamber of Commerce
8 Presidents held in 1980; and
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10 WHEREAS, in 1981, a sister-state-prefecture relationship
11 was created between Hawaii and Fukuoka, which initiated an
12 international air route connected directly to Hawaii; and
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14 WHEREAS, a significant ongoing affiliation has been
15 established that promotes cultural and economic interchange,
16 encourages goodwill and understanding, and strengthens the bonds
17 of friendship between the people of Fukuoka and Hawaii; and
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19 WHEREAS, annual sports contests and activities, business
20 and industry conferences, and World Fukuoka Kenjin Kai
21 conferences have attracted thousands of Fukuoka prefecture
22 residents to Hawaii; and
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24 WHEREAS, mutual educational benefits are created when
25 students from Fukuoka's Prefectural Fisheries High School visit
26 Hawaii's high schools and the Department of Business, Economic
27 Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) sends a delegation to Fukuoka
28 to discuss Hawaii's school excursion programs; and
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30 WHEREAS, in the 1990s, Hawaii and Fukuoka entered into an
31 exchange agreement, which assigned an official from Fukuoka to
32 the Office of the Governor to study Hawaii's governmental
33 structure, assist in Japanese-English translations, and assist



1 the Legislature in protocol matters, while Fukuoka hosted an
2 official from Hawaii in return; and
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4 WHEREAS, there are plans for celebratory receptions in
5 Fukuoka in connection with DBEDT's plans for a trade exposition
6 in May 2006 and also in September 2006 to commemorate the
7 twenty-fifth anniversary of the Fukuoka and Hawaii sister-state
8 relationship; now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
11 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
12 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature supports
13 the planned celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the
14 Fukuoka and Hawaii sister-state relationship in May and
15 September 2006; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the
19 Fukuoka Prefecture, Governor of the State of Hawaii, Speaker and
20 Vice Speaker of the Fukuoka Assembly, Speaker of the Hawaii
21 House of Representatives, President of the Hawaii Senate,
22 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and
23 President of Fukuoka Kenjin Kai, Hawaii Chapter.

