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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE STUDY OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION AT THE LOWER
LEVELS OF EDUCATIONAL CURRICULA WITHIN THE STATE OF
HAWAII.

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"; and

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7 WHEREAS, the state of Hawaii recognized this commitment to
8 historic preservation in H.R.S. §6E-1, stating in part "the
9 legislature further declares that it is in the public interest
10 to engage in a comprehensive program of historic preservation at
11 all levels of government to promote the use and conservation of
12 such property for the education, inspiration, pleasure, and
13 enrichment of its citizens"; and

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15 WHEREAS, President Bush has affirmed the importance of
16 historic preservation when he said, "Anything we can do to
17 preserve our history and share it with the public, especially
18 students, and other young people, is an important service in
19 these challenging times"; and

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21 WHEREAS, preservationists are increasingly involved in
22 education, both at the K-12 level and in colleges and
23 universities; and

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25 WHEREAS, heritage education is a way of making history and
26 social studies education "come alive" for students, offering
27 experiences that help make the past real for those who visit
28 them; and

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30 WHEREAS, heritage curricula developed by companies such as
31 Teaching with Historical Places, that include walking tours and
32 visits to real historical places "generate excitement and



1 curiosity about the people who lived there and the events that
2 occurred there"; and
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4 WHEREAS, education with a focus on historic preservation
5 helps to give students a better understanding of their built
6 environment, enhances their appreciation of the past and their
7 culture, and generates a greater interest in the study of
8 history; and
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10 WHEREAS, Hawaii has a unique and spectacular history found
11 nowhere else in the world that should be preserved and shared
12 for current and future generations and with the millions of
13 individuals who visit the state each year; now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
17 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
18 Education support the inclusion of historic preservation and
19 heritage education in the curriculum of the lower levels of
20 Hawai'i's educational system; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of
24 the Department of Education and the Board of Education.
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OFFERED BY:

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