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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS
OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY AND THE
STATE OF HAWAII COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

1 WHEREAS, by way of the State of Hawaii Constitutional
2 Convention of 1978 and subsequent legislation and public
3 ratification, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs was established by
4 the people of Hawaii to better the conditions of all Hawaiians;
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7 WHEREAS, in the November 4, 1980 general election, more
8 than forty-three thousand native Hawaiian voters elected the
9 first board of Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian
10 Affairs comprised of nine members: Peter K. Apo, Roy L. Benham,
11 Rodney K. Burgess III, A. Frenchy De Soto, Thomas K. Kaulukukui
12 Sr., Moses K. Keale Sr., Joseph G. Kealoha, Jr., Walter L.
13 Ritte, Jr., and Dr. A. Leiomalama Solomon; and

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15 WHEREAS, over the past twenty-five years, an additional
16 thirty-three individuals have been elected or appointed as
17 trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs providing leadership
18 and trust management on behalf of the native Hawaiian community;
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21 WHEREAS, over the past twenty-five years, hundreds of
22 individuals have served in the administration of the Office of
23 Hawaiian Affairs as leaders, experts, and support staff in such
24 areas as economic development, housing, legal services, human
25 services, education, culture, land, historic preservation,
26 communications, health, native rights, and governance; and

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28 WHEREAS, since 1980, the Hawaiian community has made
29 substantial strides in such areas as Hawaiian cultural awareness
30 and identity, Hawaiian language education, political activism,
31 historic preservation, and higher education; and

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1 WHEREAS, the visibility of native Hawaiian issues and
2 history has significantly increased at the federal level with
3 the passage of Public Law 130-150, the "Apology Resolution" in
4 1993; and the introduction of the "Akaka Bill" in 2000 and
5 subsequent versions including the current "Native Hawaiian
6 Government Reorganization Act of 2005" calling for federal
7 recognition of indigenous Hawaiians; and

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9 WHEREAS, in its twenty-fifth year, the Board of Trustees of
10 the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is led by Chairperson and At-
11 large Trustee S. Haunani Apoliona, MSW; Vice Chair and At-large
12 Trustee John D. Waihee IV; At-large Trustee Rowena N. Akana;
13 Oahu Trustee Dante Keala Carpenter; Kauai and Niihau Trustee
14 Donald B. Cataluna; Hawaii Island Trustee Linda K. Dela Cruz;
15 Molokai and Lanai Trustee Colette Y. Machado; Maui Trustee Boyd
16 P. Mossman, retired judge; and At-large Trustee Oswald K.
17 Stender; and

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19 WHEREAS, currently, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs employs
20 a staff of one hundred twenty-seven led by Administrator Clyde
21 W. Namuo with offices statewide and in Washington, D.C.; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs expends millions of
24 dollars annually in Native Hawaiian Public Land Trust funds and
25 state general funds on programs, services, community grants, and
26 advocacy that help to better the conditions of the more than
27 four hundred thousand Native Hawaiians who live in Hawaii and
28 across the nation, and enhance the quality of life of all who
29 call Hawaii home; and

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31 WHEREAS, after twenty-five years, the Office of Hawaiian
32 Affairs continues to serve as the State of Hawaii's lead agency
33 in working on behalf of Native Hawaiians, in spite of numerous
34 legal challenges and threats to Native Hawaiian rights and
35 entitlements; now, therefore,

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37 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
38 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
39 House of Representatives concurring, that the Office of Hawaiian
40 Affairs be recognized for twenty-five years of outstanding
41 service to the Hawaiian community and the State of Hawaii
42 community at large; and

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S.C.R. NO. 5

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Twenty-third Legislature of
2 the State of Hawaii reaffirms its support of the many
3 initiatives of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, including its
4 work in advocating for federal recognition of native Hawaiians;
5 and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the members of the
9 Hawaii congressional delegation, the Governor, the Mayor and
10 Chairperson of the councils of each county, the President of the
11 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
12 Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

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By Request

