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SENATE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING, AND REQUESTING ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF,
HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

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, Hawaii has a unique and spectacular history found
22 no where else in the world that should be preserved and shared
23 for current and future generation and with the millions of
24 individuals who visit the state each year; and
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26 WHEREAS, numerous studies show that historic preservation
27 can benefit the state economically by attracting visitors to
28 historic sites, creating jobs, and increasing property values
29 through initiatives such as heritage tourism; and
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31 WHEREAS, historic preservation needs financial support in
32 order to preserve and maintain historic sites; and
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34 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources'
35 State Historic Preservation has an inventory of approximately



1 38,000 historic places and is expanding at a rate of about 1,000
2 additional sites per year; and
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4 WHEREAS, the federal government rewards states that
5 emphasize and fund historic preservation projects through the
6 Federal Historic Preservation Fund, which provides a two third
7 match (60% Federal/40% non-Federal) of non-Federal funding
8 sources for local historic preservation efforts; now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,
12 that this body support historic preservation efforts; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body provide additional
15 financial support to historic preservation efforts statewide;
16 and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Senate, and
20 the chairman of the Senate Ways and Means committee.
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