
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A WAIVER OR RELAXATION OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR
HUMANITARIAN REASONS.

1 WHEREAS, the family is an institution of utmost importance
2 to the human society, and so are relatives and close friends;
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5 WHEREAS, permitting family members, relatives, and close
6 friends to be together in times of exigent circumstances is a
7 sign of human decency and necessity; and
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9 WHEREAS, the United States is a free and open society that
10 welcomes citizens from around the world; and
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12 WHEREAS, changes in visa procedures following the terrorist
13 attacks of September 11, 2001, reflect the country's concern for
14 ensuring the safety of United States citizens and visitors
15 alike; and
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17 WHEREAS, it has become a complex and time-consuming process
18 to enter the United States and certain exigent circumstances
19 should provide visitors with the opportunity to enter the United
20 States for humanitarian reasons; now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
24 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the President of
25 the United States and the United States Congress are
26 respectfully urged to establish visa waivers or to relax visa
27 requirements for humanitarian reasons, such as serious illness,
28 family emergencies, imminent death, or a funeral for family
29 members, relatives, or close friends; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the



1 United States, the President of the United States Senate, the
 2 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the
 3 Secretary of Homeland Security, the members of Hawaii's
 4 congressional delegation, and to the Governor.
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