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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE ISSUANCE OF VISAS FOR FAMILY REUNIFICATION  
OF IMMIGRANT RELATIVES BE EXPEDITED.

1 WHEREAS, the family is an institution of utmost importance  
2 to the human society; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the United States is a free and open society that  
5 welcomes citizens from around the world; and  
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7 WHEREAS, permitting family members to reunite after a  
8 period of separation caused by immigration is highly desirable;  
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11 WHEREAS, changes in visa procedures following the terrorist  
12 attacks of September 11, 2001, reflect the country's concern for  
13 ensuring the safety of United States citizens and visitors  
14 alike; and  
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16 WHEREAS, in general, it has become a complex and time-  
17 consuming process to enter the United States and, in particular,  
18 it often takes a very long time to process visas of relatives of  
19 legal immigrants; and  
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21 WHEREAS, it must be a goal to expedite visa requests of the  
22 relatives of legal immigrants for purposes of family  
23 reunification; now, therefore,  
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
26 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
27 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the President of  
28 the United States and the United States Congress are  
29 respectfully urged to establish a process by which visas for  
30 family members of legal immigrants can be expedited for purposes  
31 of a swift family reunification; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
 3 United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate,  
 4 the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the  
 5 Secretary of Homeland Security, Hawaii's congressional  
 6 delegation, and the Governor.  
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