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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE-PROVINCE RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP  
BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AND THE PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE  
PHILIPPINES.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is actively seeking to expand  
2 its international ties and has an abiding interest in developing  
3 goodwill, friendship, and economic relations between the people  
4 of Hawaii and the people of Asian and Pacific countries; and  
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6 WHEREAS, as part of its efforts to achieve this goal,  
7 Hawaii has established a number of sister-state agreements with  
8 provinces in the Pacific region; and  
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10 WHEREAS, because of the historical relationship between the  
11 United States and the Republic of the Philippines, there  
12 continue to exist valid reasons to promote international  
13 friendship and understanding for the mutual benefit of both  
14 countries to achieve lasting peace and prosperity, as this  
15 serves the common interests of both countries; and  
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17 WHEREAS, there are historical precedents exemplifying the  
18 common desire to maintain a close cultural, commercial, and  
19 financial bridge between ethnic Filipinos living in Hawaii with  
20 their relatives, friends, and business counterparts in the  
21 Philippines, such as the previously established agreements with  
22 the Provinces of Ilocos Sur (1985), Cebu (1992), Pangasinan  
23 (2003), Ilocos Norte (2005), and Isabela (2006); and



1 WHEREAS, the state-province relationships existing between  
2 the State of Hawaii and the five Philippine provinces have  
3 strengthened the mutual ties with the Filipino community in  
4 Hawaii whereby cooperation and communication have served to  
5 establish exchanges in the areas of business, trade,  
6 agriculture, industry, tourism, sports, health care, social  
7 welfare, and other fields of human endeavor especially during  
8 the Centennial celebration in 2006 to commemorate the first  
9 immigrants from the Philippines who came to Hawaii to work as  
10 Sakadas; and

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12 WHEREAS, a relationship similar to these sister-province  
13 relationships would reinforce and cement this common bridge of  
14 understanding and mutual assistance between the ethnic Filipinos  
15 and Filipino at heart in both the State of Hawaii and the  
16 Province of Cagayan; and

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18 WHEREAS, there are existing strong cultural ties between  
19 the Cagayan Valley Association and the State of Hawaii because  
20 several notable citizens in Hawaii can trace their roots or have  
21 immigrated from the Province of Cagayan; now, therefore,

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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
24 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
25 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Governor of the  
26 State of Hawaii, or the Governor's designee, is requested to  
27 approve and authorize all necessary actions to establish a  
28 state-province affiliation with the Province of Cagayan by June  
29 30, 2012; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor, or the Governor's  
32 designee, is requested to keep the Legislature of the State of  
33 Hawaii fully informed of the process in establishing the  
34 relationship and, to the extent practicable, involved in its  
35 formalization; and

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province of Cagayan, upon  
38 the adoption of a reciprocating resolution by the Provincial  
39 Board of the Province of Cagayan, be afforded the privileges and  
40 honors that Hawaii extends to its sister states and provinces;  
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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, Governor, President of the United States Senate,  
4 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Hawaii's  
5 Congressional Delegation, President of the Republic of the  
6 Philippines through its Honolulu Consulate General, and the  
7 Governor and Provincial Board of the Province of Cagayan,  
8 Republic of the Philippines.

