
HOUSE RESOLUTION

DECLARING SEPTEMBER 28 AS CONFUCIUS DAY IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, citizens of Chinese heritage have made and
2 continue to make significant contributions to the state and to
3 the rest of the world in culture, education, agriculture, and
4 business and industry; and
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6 WHEREAS, one such individual is Confucius (ca. 551-479),
7 who is acknowledged to be one of the world's greatest thinkers
8 and teachers, and who began a philosophy and way of life in
9 China that spread through many countries of Asia, including
10 China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam,
11 deeply influencing life and thought; and
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13 WHEREAS, Confucius' philosophy emphasized personal and
14 governmental morality, correctness of social relationships,
15 justice, and sincerity, values which gained prominence in China
16 over other doctrines such as Legalism or Taoism during the Han
17 Dynasty; and
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19 WHEREAS, Confucius championed the principles of strong
20 familial loyalty, ancestor worship, respect of elders by their
21 children and of husbands by their wives, and the family as a
22 basis for an ideal government; and
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24 WHEREAS, Confucius also preached not doing to others what
25 you would not do to yourself, encouraged politicians to model
26 themselves on the ways of honorable politicians of the past, and
27 reminded us, "What the superior man seeks is in himself. What
28 the mean man seeks is in others"; and
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30 WHEREAS, although Confucianism is often followed in a
31 religious manner, rather than building a systematic theory of
32 life and society or establishing a formalism of rites, Confucius



1 wanted his disciples to think deeply for themselves and study
2 the outside world; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Center for Chinese Studies at the University
5 of Hawaii (UH) at Manoa, has been educating students about and
6 expanding scholarship of this and many other aspects of China,
7 the Chinese, and Chinese culture since 1977, publishes the
8 journal *Chinese Review International*, and has become one of the
9 largest centers for Chinese studies in the United States (U.S.)
10 with 47 faculty and staff who teach over 150 courses; and
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12 WHEREAS, Hawaii's ties to Confucius were further
13 strengthened by the establishment of the Confucius Institute at
14 UH-Manoa, which was one of 100 Confucius Institutes across the
15 globe created to strengthen cultural awareness and offer more
16 educational opportunities to learn and understand the Chinese
17 language and Chinese culture; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Confucius Institute, with funds from UH, the
20 U.S. government, and Ministry of Education of the People's
21 Republic of China, conducts numerous community and child
22 outreach programs, including Chinese language instruction, and a
23 summer sports camp that involves learning traditional martial
24 arts, table tennis, and swimming; and
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26 WHEREAS, these efforts complement the work of the Office of
27 International Affairs of the Department of Business, Economic
28 Development, and Tourism to expand Hawaii's reach into China
29 through various programs and a Beijing office; now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
33 Session of 2007, that September 28 be designated as Confucius
34 Day in Hawaii; and
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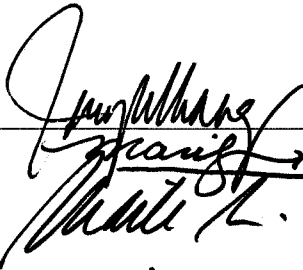
36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Department of
38 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, President of the
39 University of Hawaii, Director of the UH Center for Chinese
40 Studies, and Director of the Confucius Institute at UH.




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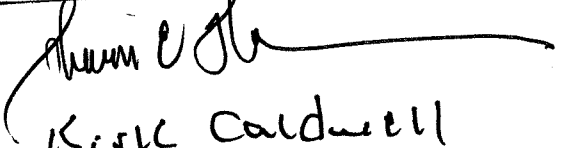
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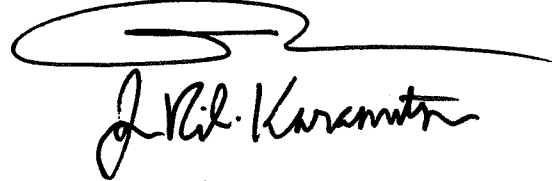
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