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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2008 - SEPTEMBER 7, 2008 AS  
HAWAII LABOR HISTORY WEEK.

1           WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the importance of  
2 educating Hawaii students about the history and accomplishments  
3 of working people and the labor movement in Hawaii; and  
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5           WHEREAS, there are no Department of Education approved,  
6 standards-based textbooks, or commonly used social studies  
7 curricula that focus significant study time on the history of  
8 labor in Hawaii and collective bargaining, and the role of  
9 unions in the protection of workers' rights and the  
10 establishment of beneficial laws such as workers compensation,  
11 pre-paid health insurance, and free public education; and  
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13           WHEREAS, knowledge and understanding of the history of  
14 labor in Hawaii is important for young people who will soon  
15 enter the workforce so they are provided the tools to make  
16 informed decisions about their lives and futures and work; and  
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18           WHEREAS, there are a growing number of resources devoted to  
19 labor education, including those produced and facilitated by the  
20 University of Hawaii's (UH) Center for Labor Education and  
21 Research, UH's Industrial Relations Center, Department of Labor  
22 and Industrial Relations' Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health  
23 Division and local unions; 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 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature  
28 recognizes the week of September 1, 2008 - September 7, 2008, as  
29 Hawaii Labor History Week in conjunction with the annual Labor  
30 Day holiday and activities; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii's workforce is  
 2 encouraged to develop ways to celebrate and honor the work of  
 3 labor groups and the progress they have brought about for the  
 4 working people; and

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 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that teachers across the state are  
 7 also encouraged to provide labor education learning experiences  
 8 for students appropriate to their grade level and consistent  
 9 with state educational history and social science content  
 10 standards; and

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 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director  
 14 of Labor and Industrial Relations, President of UH, Director of  
 15 UH's Industrial Relations Center, Director of UH's Center for  
 16 Labor Education and Research, Executive Director of the UH  
 17 Professional Assembly, President of the Hawaii State AFL-CIO,  
 18 President of the Hawaii State Teachers Association, and  
 19 Executive Director of the Hawaii Building and Construction  
 20 Trades Council.

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