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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND ACKNOWLEDGING SEPTEMBER 2ND OF EVERY YEAR AS  
QUEEN LILIU`OKALANI'S BIRTHDAY IN THE STATE OF HAWAII, A  
NON-STATE HOLIDAY, AND COMMEMORATING QUEEN LILIU`OKALANI  
FOR HER OUTSTANDING COURAGE AND DEDICATION TO HER PEOPLE IN  
THE FACE OF OPPRESSION.

1           WHEREAS, there is a great need to promote and cultivate  
2 peace and civility in Hawaii, the United States, and the world;  
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4           WHEREAS, Queen Liliu`okalani was a remarkable individual in  
5 Hawaii's history, a brave individual who exemplified the highest  
6 qualities and characteristics of a world leader of peace during  
7 her reign as the last ruling monarch of the Kingdom of Hawaii,  
8 until the eventual illegal overthrow of her monarchy on January  
9 17, 1893; and  
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11           WHEREAS, U.S. Public Law 103-150, commonly referred to as  
12 the Apology Resolution, cited many of the historical  
13 circumstances that led to Queen Liliu`okalani's overthrow,  
14 including her noble act of peacefully yielding authority and  
15 control of Hawaii to the United States in protest to prevent the  
16 potential bloodshed of her people and her faith that reason and  
17 the rule of law would prevail among U.S. leaders in the  
18 restoration of her throne; and  
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20           WHEREAS, Queen Liliu`okalani's resolve and commitment to  
21 her people is something that leaders of today should all aspire  
22 to emulate, particularly in light of the need to address the  
23 many challenges that face the people of Hawaii today; and  
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25           WHEREAS, it is fitting that the people of Hawaii annually  
26 commemorate Queen Liliu`okalani's birthday, to honor her, and to  
27 educate residents and visitors alike about her life and the  
28 importance of cultivating peace, and to ensure that her story is  
29 never forgotten; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 2 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 3 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature  
 4 officially recognizes and acknowledges September 2nd of every  
 5 year as Queen Liliu`okalani's Birthday in the State of Hawaii, a  
 6 non-state holiday, and commemorates Queen Liliu`okalani for her  
 7 outstanding courage and dedication to her people in the face of  
 8 oppression; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes and  
 11 commends ongoing efforts of groups such as the Hawaii Pono'i  
 12 Coalition, Queen Liliu`okalani Children's Center, Friends of  
 13 Iolani Palace, PU'A Foundation, American Friends Service  
 14 Committee, Native Hawaiian Civic Clubs of Hawaii, and many  
 15 others who continue to speak in support of educational efforts  
 16 aimed at establishing a truthful and current understanding of  
 17 Queen Liliu`okalani's life, sacrifice, and contributions to the  
 18 Native Hawaiian people and the history of Hawaii's past related  
 19 to the wrongful overthrow and illegal annexation of the Kingdom  
 20 of Hawaii to the United States.  
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22 BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Hawaii's  
 24 Congressional delegation, Hawaii Pono'i Coalition, Queen  
 25 Liliu`okalani Children's Center, Friends of Iolani Palace, PU'A  
 26 Foundation, American Friends Service Committee, and Native  
 27 Hawaiian Civic Clubs of Hawaii.  
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