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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE-
MUNICIPALITY RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF
HAWAII OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE MUNICIPALITY
OF SARRAT IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE 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 effort to achieve this goal, Hawaii
7 has established a number of sister state-province and state-
8 municipality agreements with provinces and cities in the Pacific
9 region; and
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11 WHEREAS, because of the historical relationship between the
12 United States of America and the Republic of the Philippines,
13 there continue to exist valid reasons to promote international
14 friendship and understanding for the mutual benefit of both
15 countries to achieve lasting peace and prosperity as it serves
16 the common interests of both countries; and
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18 WHEREAS, there are historical precedents exemplifying the
19 common desire to maintain a close cultural, commercial, and
20 financial bridge between ethnic Filipinos living in Hawaii with
21 their relatives, friends, and business counterparts in the
22 Philippines, such as the previously established sister-city
23 relationship between the City and County of Honolulu and the
24 City of Cebu in the Province of Cebu; and
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26 WHEREAS, similar state-province relationships exist between
27 the State of Hawaii and the Provinces of Cebu, Ilocos Norte,
28 Ilocos Sur, and Pangasinan, whereby cooperation and
29 communication have served to establish exchanges in the areas of
30 business, trade, agriculture and industry, tourism, sports,



1 health care, social welfare, and other fields of human endeavor;
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4 WHEREAS, a similar sister state-municipality relationship
5 would reinforce and cement this common bridge for understanding
6 and mutual assistance between ethnic Filipinos of both the State
7 of Hawaii and the Municipality of Sarrat, located in the
8 Province of Ilocos Norte and the birthplace of former Philippine
9 President Ferdinand E. Marcos; now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
13 House of Representatives concurring, that Governor Linda Lingle
14 of the State of Hawaii, or her designee, is requested to take
15 all necessary actions to establish a state-municipality
16 affiliation with the Municipality of Sarrat in the Province of
17 Ilocos Norte in the Republic of the Philippines; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor or her designee is
20 requested to keep the Legislature of the State of Hawaii fully
21 informed of the process in establishing the relationship and
22 involved in its formalization to the extent practicable; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipality of Sarrat in
25 the Province of Ilocos Norte be afforded the privileges and
26 honors that Hawaii extends to its sister provinces and cities;
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if by June 30, 2012, the sister
30 state-city affiliation with the Municipality of Sarrat in the
31 Province of Ilocos Norte has not reached a sustainable basis by
32 providing mutual economic benefits through local community
33 support, the affiliation shall be withdrawn; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
37 United States, the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the
38 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
39 States House of Representatives, Hawaii's congressional
40 delegation, the President of the Republic of the Philippines
41 through its Honolulu Consulate General, the Governor and



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1 Provincial Board of the Province of Ilocos Norte, and the Mayor
2 of the Municipality of Sarrat, Republic of the Philippines.

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