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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND ACKNOWLEDGING SEPTEMBER 2ND OF EVERY YEAR AS
QUEEN LILIU'OKALANI'S BIRTHDAY IN THE STATE OF HAWAI'I, 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 Hawai'i, the United States, and the world;

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4 WHEREAS, Queen Liliu'okalani was a remarkable individual in
5 Hawai'i's history, a brave individual who exemplified the
6 highest qualities and characteristics of a world leader of peace
7 during her reign as the last ruling monarch of the Kingdom of
8 Hawai'i, until the eventual illegal overthrow of her monarchy on
9 January 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 Hawai'i to the United States in protest to prevent
16 the potential bloodshed of her people and her faith that reason
17 and 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 Hawai'i today; and

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25 WHEREAS, it is fitting that the people of Hawai'i 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,



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 2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
 3 Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2008,
 4 the House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature
 5 officially recognizes and acknowledges September 2nd of every
 6 year as Queen Liliu'okalani's Birthday in the State of Hawai'i,
 7 a non-state holiday, and commemorates Queen Liliu'okalani for
 8 her outstanding courage and dedication to her people in the face
 9 of oppression; and

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 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes and
 12 commends ongoing efforts of groups such as the Hawai'i Pono'i
 13 Coalition, Queen Liliu'okalani Children's Center, Friends of
 14 Iolani Palace, PU'A Foundation, American Friends Service
 15 Committee, Native Hawaiian Civic Clubs of Hawai'i, and many
 16 others who continue to speak in support of educational efforts
 17 aimed at establishing a truthful and current understanding of
 18 Queen Liliu'okalani's life, sacrifice, and contributions to the
 19 Native Hawaiian people and the history of Hawai'i's past related
 20 to the wrongful overthrow and illegal annexation of the Kingdom
 21 of Hawai'i to the United States; and

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 23 BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Hawai'i's
 25 Congressional delegation, Hawai'i Pono'i Coalition, Queen
 26 Liliu'okalani Children's Center, Friends of Iolani Palace, PU'A
 27 Foundation, American Friends Service Committee, and Native
 28 Hawaiian Civic Clubs of Hawai'i.

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