
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE SISTER-STATE COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE AND DEVELOP
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE INITIATION OF SISTER STATE OR
PROVINCE RELATIONSHIPS WITH BRUYERES, FRANCE.

1 WHEREAS, pursuant to the enactment of Act 150, Session Laws
2 of Hawaii 2006 (Act 150), the Hawaii Sister State Committee
3 (Committee) was established within the Department of Business,
4 Economic Development, and Tourism for administrative purposes,
5 to advise the Governor and the Legislature on matters relating
6 to sister state or province relations and relations, in general,
7 between the State and the states or provinces of foreign
8 countries; and
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10 WHEREAS, codified in part as Section 229-3, Hawaii Revised
11 Statutes, Act 150 requires the Committee to "evaluate and
12 develop recommendations for the initiation of all sister state
13 or province relationships and forward its recommendation to the
14 Legislature; and
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16 WHEREAS, Act 150 also provides that the Legislature, if it
17 so chooses, shall implement the recommendations [of the
18 Committee] to initiate a sister state or province relationship
19 by either adopting a concurrent resolution or by enacting
20 session law to that effect; and
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22 WHEREAS, a strong bond of friendship has existed between
23 the people of Bruyeres, France, and the people of Hawaii since
24 1944; and
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26 WHEREAS, this bond of friendship has its roots in the
27 liberation of Bruyeres from Nazi rule by the American forces
28 during World War II; and
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30 WHEREAS, many sons of Hawaii, serving with the 100th
31 Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Infantry Regiment, sacrificed
32 their lives as members of this liberating force; and



1 WHEREAS, the people of Bruyeres have held annual memorial
2 services to honor the liberators who fought so well in the cause
3 of freedom and peace; and
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5 WHEREAS, the people of Bruyeres have suggested a further
6 means of strengthening this bond of friendship by entering into
7 a sister city relationship with the City and County of Honolulu;
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10 WHEREAS, through the adoption of Resolution No. 342 by the
11 Honolulu City Council on November 1, 1960, this sister city
12 relationship has been in existence for the past forty-nine
13 years; and
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15 WHEREAS, as part of the Committee's deliberation on
16 evaluating the feasibility of extending sister state and
17 province relationships with similar governmental or political
18 subdivisions of foreign nations, the Legislature believes it is
19 fitting for the Committee to consider extending this
20 relationship with Bruyeres, France; now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
24 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature requests
25 the Committee to evaluate the feasibility of extending sister
26 state or province relationship with Bruyeres, France; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee report its
29 findings and recommendations to the Legislature at least twenty
30 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2010; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
34 Business, Economic Development and Tourism, the Chair of the
35 Hawaii Sister State Committee, and the Mayor of the City of
36 Bruyeres, France.
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OFFERED BY: 

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